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MELITA AXING 'SAD'

□ RIGHT: RAUL BLANCO walks off the Gabble Stadium following Melita's 2-0 loss to Penrith City. "It's a heavy blow," Blanco said about his club's relegation from the NSL.



BY BRAD EARL

WHILE Penrith City celebrated their escape from relegation, coach Willie Wallace took time out to praise the contribution of Parramatta Melita Eagles in their only season in the National League.

"It's sad to see a club like Melita go out of the League," Wallace said after Penrith's 2-0 win in the relegation decider.

"They've put a lot into Soccer, especially as they are building a new stadium."

In the extraordinary set-up of the NSL, Melita are forced out despite being nine points ahead of bottom club Wollongong!

Wallace has been a strong opponent of the "development status" awarded to provincial NSL clubs Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra.

"I've said right from the start that none of the new teams in the League this year should have faced relegation."

"These teams have had nine months to develop, whereas others have had

at least four years."

Melita were on top of the League after 10 rounds, and indeed were still in fifth place on goal difference after 25 rounds.

But successive defeats in the final four rounds heralded their demise.

Coach Raul Blanco said relegation was "a heavy blow."

"Three or four weeks ago we were looking at a semi-final place," he reflected.

Club president Emmanuel Said promised that the club will fight its way back to the NSL ranks.

"We're not going to toss in the towel," he said. "Our stand will still be built, at a cost of close to \$500,000."

"We've had complete confidence in Raul's ability as coach, and in my book he'd be strongly considered again for next season."

Melita only made one big-money signing this year — left-back Howard Tredinnick for \$10,000 from Newcastle KB.

Other new signings were Kenny Wilson, Derek Laming, John Davies, Steve McDonald, Chris Hummel and Maltese import Silvio Demanuelle.

However, the club was plagued by injuries throughout the season.

One bright spot on a bleak weekend was the performance of Melita's youth team, who won their semi-final against St George.



□ MIKE GIBSON backs up as Penrith team-mate Ian Wotherspoon clears the ball against Melita.

GIBSON TO TRIAL AT MANCHESTER

BY BRAD EARL

PENRITH CITY goalkeeper Mike Gibson will trial with English team Manchester City next month.

Gibson, 21, will be with the second division club for a month.

"I'm going for the experience," the big Penrith custodian said.

"Naturally if I was offered a contract I would have to seriously think about it, but I would have to consider my job here as well."

Gibson is employed as a fitter machinist and has been granted extended leave by his employers.

Manchester City are managed by Billy McNeill, who, along with Penrith coach Willie Wallace, was one of Celtic's famous "Lisbon Lions" who won the 1967 European Cup Final against Inter-Milan.

The great Glasgow clubs, Rangers and Celtic, are expected to send representatives to watch Gibson during his stay at Maine Road.

Gibson will be accompanied by two Nepean Under 15 players, Chris Ackerley and Brett Budwee.

EDITORIAL

NSW CLUBS in the National League, on the whole, get along pretty well.

It is true there was considerable anti-St George feeling a few months ago when the NSL instructed its clubs to pull players out of Australia's squad for the World Series matches.

One club, though, would never win any popularity contest if the NSW clubs in the National League took a vote on it. That club is Wollongong Wolves.

We detected much bitterness about Wollongong's 1984 performances when we chatted to officials from teams facing relegation.

They wanted to know why Wollongong were able to go through the season untroubled by defeat after defeat, making little effort to sign new much-needed players.

The Wolves were more like koalas... a protected species of animal!

They knew they could not be relegated — even if they lost every match.

While there were probably good reasons for protecting Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra from relegation, at least this year Canberra and Newcastle made a genuine effort to get away from the foot of the table.

Though exempt from relegation, Newcastle and Canberra fought desperately to pick up points: either team, in fact, could have filled fifth spot for the playoffs.

Wollongong, on the other hand, appeared to have decided their team was not good enough to make any impression and, in view of the serious financial situation, decided not to strengthen the side.

So the 1984 season for Wollongong

was a story of simply going through the motions.

Some Wolves officials actually stated that they were more concerned with 1985 than 1984. If the other 11 teams in the competition had felt the same way, the whole NSL season would have been a non-event.

Only a few days ago, John Vlietstra, the Wolves secretary, said: "The quicker we forget the 1984 competition and look forward to 1985, the better."

Other clubs tend to think this outlook has been prevalent for almost the entire year at Wollongong.

It was Willie Wallace, coach of Penrith, who said: "I wish I could have had the luxury of Wollongong's outlook. I don't think they've done anything for the National League this year, getting only a handful of points."

To be fair to Wollongong and coach Adrian Alston, it should be said that the team had little incentive to go flat out for victory in its matches.

The main object this year was to try to balance the books, even at the cost of fielding a side which was obviously below the required NSL standard.

But does immunity from relegation allow Wollongong to stagger through a complete season chalking up defeat after defeat?

Surely, even without being afflicted by the punishment of relegation, the Wolves had one very good reason for fielding a strong team and winning matches.

Pride in the team's achievement is, we believe, a strong motive to inspire success on the field.

Sadly, there can be little pride in the Wollongong camp right now.

Let us hope, as secretary Vlietstra suggests, 1985 will be better.

NSL IS CONCERNED ABOUT STANDARD OF REFEREEING

WHILE Adelaide clubs have remained quiet about the standard of refereeing while their hometown men in black have been copping it from Melbourne clubs, it will be a different story next season.

BY TOM McKAIN

With Adelaide's City and West having to travel once more to Brisbane, the cries are sure to be loud and clear.

SA coaches view the Brisbane whistlers with as much respect as the Victorians have for the SA officials — apart from FIFA referee Donald Campbell.

South Melbourne coach Len McKendry has already announced he is certain South will provide the airfares for "neutral" referees when championship points are at stake in Adelaide or Brisbane.

The Queenslanders have also been criticised by the Melbourne clubs.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas has also bought into the argument and was quoted as saying: "I am concerned by the standard of refereeing, and especially by claims of parochialism in Adelaide and Brisbane."

"I feel that in some cases there is a lack of preparation or ability and what the League must push for is to get the best referee at all times."

"We have competent referees in all cities but they are not being allocated to the right games."

McKendry sighted

Campbell as a top referee but added South had never had him in charge of any of its matches against Adelaide City over a three-year old period when championship chances were in the balance against the SA club.



□ LEN McKENDRY

Already the NSL assistant manager, Mark Waine, has announced that in future the League's aim was to make sure the best referees should get the best matches on a more regular basis.

"We are not going to railroad the Australian Soccer Referees Association

and everything we do will be in consultation with the referees' board," he said.

"We have had a lot of complaints about referees this year and will be trying to alleviate the problems."

"It is appreciated that new referees must be given experience, but we feel this should not be at the expense of top referees."

"We are looking more to following the Rugby League system of using the best referees every week."

Hostile

He said that several times this season the appointments had been "less than diplomatic".

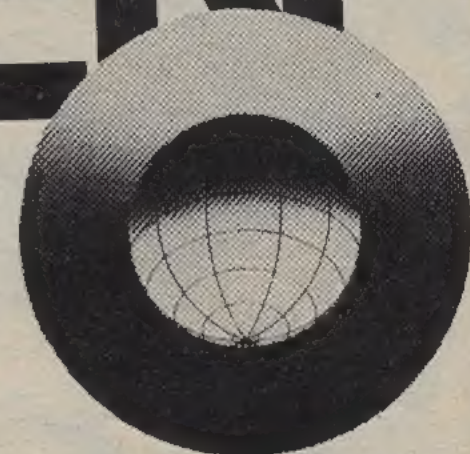
We presume he is referring, as far as Adelaide is concerned, to the appointment of Italian referees, or the one Greek referee on the panel, to games which can have spectators hostile before the matches kick off.

The same goes for the appointment of certain linesmen who are easy prey for spectators and have already been "hounded" this season.

The only solution appears to be the supplying of cash to fly referees interstate every week to handle games in which their own State's teams are not involved.

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FARROW BREAKS BONE AGAIN

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS National League goalkeeper Rob Farrow has broken his scaphoid bone again and will be in plaster for eight weeks.

It is the second time in 12 months that Farrow has broken his scaphoid. The 22-year-old former Acacia Ridge player first injured the wrist at State team training last year.

The break, which was followed by a shoulder injury, kept Farrow out of Soccer for six months.

It is believed Farrow may have broken the bone at training more than a week ago. He needed pain-killing injections to take the field against Brisbane City last Sunday week.

Lions' Intermediate team keeper Wayne Evans was drafted into the NSL side for the vital semi-final decid-

ing match against Preston last weekend.

Lions have other three experienced keepers on their books — Brett Bevas, Nigel Lownds and Tony Scanlan — and have youngster Michael Mollee in reserve.

The experienced trio were loaned to other clubs this year but, with Farrow's future in the air, they all may be recalled.

"Robbie's injury has left everybody absolutely stunned, it has really rocked the club. He was coming on well and looked to have a bright future in NSL," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.



□ ROB FARROW punches clear against Leichhardt.

RADIO RENTALS COME TO THE ASPA PARTY

BY DAVID JACK

RADIO RENTALS has decided to sponsor the major award at the Australian Soccer Press Association (NSW Division) presentation night on October 26 at Sydney's Journalists Club.

A year ago, Radio Rentals took their first step in ASPA sponsorship by supplying the NSW "Player of the Year" with a portable colour television set.

Kim Ward, the company's marketing manager, has now suggested Radio Rentals involvement should be an annual thing, not a one-off gesture.

"We would like to be associated with this award every year," he told ASW, "and feel it would be a good idea to give away a different product each time."

Last year, Phil O'Connor was the delighted winner of the TV set. This year's winner will receive an AWA Hi-Fi am-fm stereo with twin cassettes.

And in 1986? The suggestion is a VCR.

A crew from Radio Rentals will attend the NSW function on October 26 to

shoot video of the presentations and that video will be given to the "Player of the Year" as a souvenir of the big occasion.

ASPA's secretary John Economos is now taking bookings for the NSW ASPA night and will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in attending.

While priority is given to ASPA members, the function is not restricted and any Soccer people may contact Economos for tickets at \$20 each.

His phone number is 660-2033.

ASPA officials appeal to all members to give Radio Rentals coverage in stories written about the ASPA function.

This cannot be overstressed.

It goes without saying that a sponsor who is ignored soon becomes an ex-sponsor.



□ PHIL O'CONNOR proudly displays the TV he won last year as NSW Player of the Year — courtesy of Radio Rentals.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE \$240,000?

BY TOM McKAIN

WHILE National Soccer League officials are confident the league will continue with or without financial backing from promotions company West Nally, they were hoping for some cash last month.

But that promised \$240,000 for 1984 is still proving very elusive.

Nally boss, Patrick Nally, did come to Australia in September, but paid only a brief visit, touching down long enough to "sign some papers" then fly back out.

But, according to NSL chairman, Sam Papasavas, Nally will be back on November 15 to talk to the clubs.

Papasavas has that in writing from ASF president, Sir Arthur George.

At this stage, there is no mention of any money.

And if it is true the Nally organisation has asked for an extension of time for a payment due to the ASF, it

is to be hoped the Soceroos are not off on an abortive world tour next month.

Nally is backing our World Cup campaign, but it would appear cash may be just as much a problem for West-Nally as for the NSL and ASF.

We can't see the Soceroos packing in the fans in England or Europe, so where does the cash come from to pay for the trip?

If we are to believe the rumours, the World Soccer Series here was a disaster financially — no member of the ASF would comment officially on any balance sheet — so what hope is

there for a profit on an overseas tour?

The ASF has a four-year contract with West Nally.

The Nally empire has been hit in the UK because of the collapse of the billboard business.

According to a report in the London Daily Mail, promises of millions to clubs for billboard advertising in grounds will not materialise because of a lack of exposure on TV.

It is not the fault of West Nally.

It is a sign of the times.

It is very hard to earn a dollar, and no matter how good the intentions, if the cash doesn't materialise, contracts mean nothing.



□ SAM PAPASAVAS

OLYMPIC, MARCONI RIDING HIGH

MARCONI are ready to take on Sydney Olympic tomorrow night at the St George Stadium in the NSL top five series.

This will be the late match of a double-header at St George.

The first match will be the elimination semi-final between Blacktown City and Apia Leichhardt.

Apia, still reeling from their 4-1 thrashing from Marconi, will have to get their act together to take on Blacktown City, who look hungry for success in this top five series.

This match will mean sudden-death to the loser.

But the Olympic-Marconi clash, scheduled for 8.15 pm, will attract most attention as a successful run by Olympic will ensure good crowds for the series.

Tony Dakos, Mike Coady, Peter Raskopoulos and Jimmy Patikas are playing some of the best football of their careers, and have Olympic riding high.

But Olympic's latest sensation is striker Chris Kalantzis.

Kalantzis has pace, strength, power and exceptional determination which has given Sydney Olympic great width on both flanks. Marconi, however, have

a hungry look about them lately and fresh from their slaughter of Apia last Sunday feel they are ready to take on Sydney Olympic to qualify for "the big one" against Sydney City.

Mark Jankovics, Craig Mason, Tommy McCulloch, Rod Brown and David Lowe have been firing well and, led by their international centre-back Tony Henderson, will present Olympic with plenty of headaches.

Make no mistake, Marconi are a definite threat and are more than capable of doing the job. The material, quality and experience is all there.

All they have to do is put it together and Olympic will be in trouble.

It goes without saying that much will rest upon the "battle of the architects", Raskopoulos v McCulloch.

These two midfield generals control their respective sides as both are the ball-distributors.

It's anybody's game, and goalkeepers Gary Meier and Bruce James should have a large say in the outcome.

DRURY TRIALS WITH ADCITY

BY GREG RUSSELL

TALENTED young Queensland goalkeeper Paul Drury will trial with Adelaide City.

Drury, 20, who played with Premier League side and Ampol Cup winners North Star this season, left for Adelaide after his last Premier League fixture.

Drury chose Adelaide City after hearing the club had lost its custodian Willie McNally to Perth.

Drury also opted to overlook the two Brisbane NSL clubs because of a glut of goalkeepers in Brisbane.

North Star coach Iain Fagan, a former Lions NSL player, rates Drury as potentially one of the best keepers in Australia and believes a stint in the NSL could prove the turning point in his career.

SAINTS PROVE CRITICS WRONG

AFTER being written off midway through the season, St George proved the critics wrong by escaping NSL relegation.

No player likes making the drop from the National Soccer League to the State League.

Such was the closeness of the competition that another loss probably would have seen us nose-dive to State League.

I don't like making excuses but St George did suffer their share of injuries.

Last year many rated our defence the best in the league. This year it was a different story.

Injuries to right-back



□ TERRY GREEDY: hip injury.

CARTER'S OWN GOAL

NO-ONE likes scoring against their own team but Marconi defender Paul Carter will certainly want to forget a recent match against Sydney Croatia.

Carter was rewarded with the first goal of the game and the scoreboard read Sydney Croatia 1 Marconi 0.

Marconi goalie Bruce James took a short goalkick to Craig Mason and he passed the ball to Carter.

With three Croatia players surrounding him, he attempted to pass the ball back to James but ended up lobbing the ball over his head and into goal.

That was Carter's second goal this year. He had previously scored for Marconi against Brisbane Lions.

I must admit it's not the best way to double your goalscoring tally.

Aside from the embarrassment, Carter had a very strong game in defence.

David Skeen (arm), sweeper David Ratcliffe (knee), left-back Robbie O'Shea (broken leg) and goalie Terry Greedy (hip) badly depleted the number of experienced first grade players in the squad.

Don't forget injuries to utility player John O'Shea (knee) and ace striker Dez Marton (hamstring) also proved costly.

In fact, Marton proved he still has goalscoring touch by netting 11 goals.

The biggest problem which confronted the team was lack of experience. With so many injuries it was very difficult for the younger players at the club.

Promoting three or four youngsters at a time

creates too much pressure for the team.

Don't think it's wrong to blood youngsters into the top grade but in big numbers it can prove costly.

I'm sure players like Andrew Koczka, Tony Danas-kos, Pedro Ricoy and co will only benefit from the experience of first grade competition this year. It should put them in good stead for the future.

Personally, I felt a little disappointed with the competition this year. A lot of people I spoke with also felt that the standard had dropped considerably.

Naturally, this affected the attendances at games and for the first time in a few years crowd figures reached an all-time low.



ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
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WARK SCOURGE OF THE POLES

JOHN WARK was the hero for Liverpool in their European Cup second leg match against Poland's Lech Poznan at Anfield.

Determined to prove their ability to retain the European crown, Liverpool

were 4-0 winners, giving them a 5-0 aggregate win over the two legs.



□ JOHN WARK: hat-trick.

Wark, bought from Ipswich to prop up the Liverpool midfield, scored three of Liverpool's goals, with another new signing, Paul Walsh, getting the other.

It was Wark who scored the only goal when the teams met in the first game in Poland.

While many critics claim Liverpool, without Graeme Souness, are in for a poor season, they looked a very tough team to beat against Poznan.

Manchester United also cruised into the next round of the UEFA Cup with a 2-2 draw against Hungary's Raba Vasas in Győr. This gave the Red Devils an aggregate victory of 5-2.

But while the big guns of England were doing so well, things went badly for a couple of Scottish sides.

In the European Cup, Aberdeen were eliminated by Dynamo Berlin — but only on penalty kicks.

After two matches plus 30 minutes extra-time, Aberdeen and Dynamo were level at 3-3.

When the penalty shoot-out was added to the 210 minutes of normal play, it was too much for Aberdeen.

Penalties were missed by captain Willie Miller and Youth international Eric Black, so the Germans went through.

Heart of Midlothian also bade farewell to Europe after drawing in Edinburgh 2-2 with Paris St Germain in the UEFA Cup — for a 6-2 aggregate loss.

Greece's Panathinaikos had an excellent result against the pride of Holland, Rotterdam's Feyenoord.

Panathinaikos, having secured a 0-0 draw in Holland, completed the elimination of Feyenoord with a 2-1 win in Athens.

Spain's championship winners, Bilbao, were surprisingly put out of the European Cup by the inconsistent Frenchmen from Bordeaux.

A 0-0 draw in Bilbao was sufficient to sweep Bordeaux into the second round as a follow-up to their 3-2 victory at home in the first leg.

EUROPEAN RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP
First-round, second leg
Shamrock Rovers (Ire) 1 Linfield (N. Ire) 1. Ag-
gregate 1-1. Linfield win on away goal. Honved
Budapest (Hung) 2 Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) 1.
Agg 3-4. Benfica (Port) 2 Red Star Belgrade (Yugo)
0. Agg 4-3. Valletta (Malta) 0 Austria Vienna
(Aust) 4. Agg 0-8. Dynamo Berlin (E. Germ) 2
Aberdeen (Scot) 1. Agg 3-3. Dynamo 5-4 on pen-
alties. Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union) 3 Trabzonspor
(Turk) 0. Agg 3-1. Sparta Prague (Czech) 2 Valer-
engien Oslo (Nor) 0. Agg 5-3. Lynby 1921 (Den) 3
Laltonoti Elbasan (Alb) 0. Agg 6-0. Liverpool (Eng)
4. Lech Poznan (Pol) 0. Agg 5-0. Gothenburg
(Swe) 9 Beggan (Lux) 0. Agg 17-0. Panathinaikos
Athens (Greece) 2 Feyenoord (Neth) 1. Agg 2-1.
Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) 2 Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1.
Agg 3-5. Stuttgart (W. Germ) 2 Levski Spartak
Sofia (Bulg) 2. Agg 3-3. Sofia on away goals. At-
letico Bilbao (Spa) 0 Bordeaux (Fra) 0. Agg 2-3.

CUP WINNERS' CUP
Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 0 Roma (Ital) 0. Agg 0-1.
Barcelona (Spa) 1 Metz (Fra) 4. Agg 5-5. Porto
(Port) 4 Wrexham (Wales) 3. Agg 4-4. Wrexham on
away goals. Besiktas Istanbul (Turk) 1 Rapid Vienna
(Aust) 1. Agg 2-5. Hajduk Split (Yugo) 2 Dynamo
Moscow (Soviet Union) 5. Agg 2-6. Larissa (Gree-
ce) 2. Sioloki Banasz (Hung) 0. Agg 3-1. Fortuna
Sittard (Neth) 3 BK Copenhagen (Den) 0. Agg 3-0.
Luxembourg 1 Trakia Plovdiv (Bulg) 0. Agg 1-5.
Celtic (Scot) 3 Ghent (Belg) 0. Agg 3-1. Vestman-
naeyjar (Ice) 1 Wisla Krakow (Pol) 3. Agg 3-7.

UEFA CUP
Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 1 Real Betis (Spa) 0.
Agg 1-1. Craiova 5-3 on penalties. Pogon Szeczin
(Pol) 0 Cologne (W. Germ) 1. Agg 1-3. Lillestrom
(Nor) 3 Lok Leipzig (E. Germ) 0. Agg 3-7. Zvezd-
nic Sarajevo (Yugo) 5 Sliven (Bulg) 1. Agg 5-2.
Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 2 Odense (Den) 1.
Agg 7-2. HJK Helsinki (Fin) 0 Dynamo Minsk (So-
viet Union) 6. Agg 0-10. Rijeka (Yugo) 4 Real Val-
ladolid (Spa) 1. Agg 4-2. Partizan Belgrade (Yugo)
2 Rabat Ajax (Alaia) 0. Agg 4-0. Linz (Aust) 1
Oesters Vaxjo (Swe) 0. Agg 2-0. Raba Vasas
Győr (Hung) 2 Manchester Utd (Eng) 2. Agg 2-5.
Werder Bremen (W. Germ) 2 Anderlecht (Belg) 1.
Agg 3-3. Vorwärts Frankfurt (E. Germ) 0. Agg 3-2.
Innsbruck (Aust) 2 Real Madrid (Spa) 0. Agg 2-5.
Borussia Moenchengladbach (W. Germ) 4 Banská
Bystrica (Czech) 1. Agg 7-3. Hamburg (W. Germ) 2
Southampton (Eng) 0. Agg 2-0. Neuchatelamax
(Switz) 2 Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) 2. Agg 2-3.
Bruges (Belg) 1 Nottingham Forest (Eng) 0. Agg 1-0.
Glasgow Rangers (Scot) 2 Bohemians (Ire) 0.
Agg 4-3. Standard Liege (Belg) 2 Gientoran (N. Ire)
0. Agg 3-1. Fiorentina (Ital) 2 Fenerbahce Istanbul
(Turk) 0. Agg 3-0. Tottenham (Eng) 6 Sporting
Braga (Port) 0. Agg 9-0. Dundee Utd (Scot) 3 AIK
Stockholm (Swe) 0. Agg 3-1. Ajax Amsterdam
(Neth) 14 Red Boys Differdange (Lux) 0. Agg 14-0.
Auxerre (Fra) 2 Sporting Lisbon (Port) 2. after
extra time. Agg 2-4. Aarhus (Den) 1 Widzew Lodz
(Pol) 0. Agg 1-2. Hearts (Scot) 2 Paris St Germain
(Fra) 2. Agg 2-6. CSKA Sofia (Bulg) 2 Monaco
(Fra) 1. Agg 4-3.

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HARD TIMES ARE OVER FOR GRANT

AFTER years of frustration, Grant Lee has finally become a permanent member of the pace-setting Sydney City team this season.

BY BRAD EARL

It was a long time coming for a young player who had always displayed the potential to kick on in Australian Soccer.

He had been chosen to represent his country in the 1981 World Youth Championship, but even last year an NSL shirt was still so elusive that he went on loan to Newcastle.

"Playing up in Newcastle helped me in a lot of ways, as I think I was getting a bit stagnant," he said.

Back at Sydney City this season, he decided that this was his last shot at the NSL team.

"I decided that if I had another disappointing season, I would have asked to leave midway through the year," Lee said.

"But I've had a fantastic time."

Regular

Lee's perseverance is a reward for his hard work and determination to succeed at a club where many young players have come and gone.

He had been a State League regular with Kur-ring-gai in 1979 at 17, but at the end of that season transferred to the Slickers.

"I went to Sydney City because it was the top club," he recalled.

Lee, a striker, has been given greater responsibility by coach Eddie Thomson in the Slickers' frontline this year.

"I started the season

playing wide, virtually as a winger, but John Kosmina has had two or three guys marking him lately, so my job has been to give more support to Kossie in the middle."

Lee turns 23 later this month and his ultimate ambition is to play in the World Cup.

"But I know I haven't played as well as I can play," he said.

"I think I've picked up my work rate a lot this season, but I can still improve my concentration."

Speedy

A speedy striker who can use both feet, Lee has also improved his heading ability this year.

"I've headed four goals this season, and that's double the number of headers I've scored in my whole life," he joked.

A player who enjoys his game, Lee is full of confidence, and as he says: "That's what the whole game is about."

Times when he thought his career was going nowhere at Sydney City are in the past.

"Always in the back of my mind I believed Sydney City played the top football in Australia, and I wanted to be part of that."

Now Grant Lee is even more determined than ever to play his part in the success of Sydney City and to succeed as a striker in his own right.



LEE climbs high for a header against Melita.



LEE (right) pressurises Adelaide City defender Alex Tobin.

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MENS — A choice of two end of season trip tournaments which are open to any standard of team as the events are designed as both a serious tournament but also an overseas holiday. The first is "THE SOUTH PACIFIC MENS AND WOMENS SOCCER CHALLENGE" set for the same week in October in Fiji. The second is "THE THIRD GARUDA CUP BALI SOCCER TOURNAMENT" set for the first two weeks of November 1985. Both tournament packages include a number of meals and are the perfect way to end a hard season.

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STH MELB	28	18	4	6	48	20	40	9	4	2	26	6	22	9	0	4	22	14	18		
H'BERG	28	14	7	7	37	27	35	9	3	2	24	13	21	5	4	5	13	14	14		
MELB CROATIA	28	13	7	8	38	31	33	8	4	3	21	12	20	5	3	5	17	19	13		
BRIS LIONS	28	12	6	10	38	36	30	8	3	3	24	18	19	4	3	7	14	18	11		
BRUNSWICK	28	13	4	11	36	42	30	7	2	4	22	18	16	6	2	7	14	24	14		
PRESTON	28	11	6	11	42	33	28	7	4	4	30	14	18	4	2	7	12	19	10		
AD CITY	28	10	5	13	33	34	25	6	3	5	21	17	15	4	2	8	12	17	10		
FOOTSCRAY	28	10	5	13	29	33	25	4	3	7	13	17	11	6	2	6	16	16	14		
GR GULLY	28	9	6	13	34	36	24	5	3	5	19	16	13	4	3	8	15	20	11		
WEST AD	28	8	5	15	40	52	21	6	2	7	27	22	14	2	3	8	13	30	7		
BRIS CITY	28	8	5	15	21	39	21	3	4	6	8	13	10	5	1	9	13	26	11		
SUNSHINE	28	5	6	17	24	57	16	3	4	7	11	16	10	2	2	10	13	41	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	28	17	5	3	67	21	42	9	2	2	40	12	20	8	6	1	27	9	22
OLYMPIC	28	16	8	4	61	27	40	9	4	2	37	16	22	7	4	2	24	11	18
MARCONI	28	12	8	8	58	39	32	8	3	4	30	15	19	4	5	4	28	24	13
LEIGHARDT	28	12	8	8	43	35	32	7	2	4	20	15	16	5	6	4	23	20	16
BLACKTOWN	28	12	6	10	43	48	29	6	5	3	28	22	17	6	1	7	15	26	13
SYD CROATIA	28	8	11	9	32	38	27	3	5	6	14	20	11	5	6	3	18	18	16
PENRITH	28	8	10	10	29	41	26	5	5	4	17	21	15	3	5	6	12	20	11
NEWCASTLE	28	11	4	13	35	52	26	9	1	4	22	17	19	2	3	9	13	35	7
CANBERRA	28	12	1	15	47	39	25	7	0	7	25	15	14	5	1	8	22	24	11
ST GEORGE	28	8	9	11	38	41	25	5	6	3	23	17	16	3	3	8	15	24	9
PARRA MELITA	28	8	8	12	23	38	24	4	3	7	12	17	11	4	5	5	11	21	13
W'GONG	28	5	5	18	22	59	15	3	1	9	11	24	7	2	4	9	11	35	8

RESULTS

• SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Brown 2, Egan) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Middle Park. CROWD: 4,000.
• PRESTON 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Connor Reserve. CROWD: 3,000.
• ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani, Gatenby) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Walsh) at Olympic Sports Field. CROWD: 900.
• FOOTSCRAY 1 (Lujic) GREEN GULLY 3 (Carter 2, Lewis) at Schintler Reserve. CROWD: 800.
• BRUNSWICK 0 HEIDELBERG 1 (Valentine) at Olympic Park. CROWD: 1,641.
• SUNSHINE 1 (Toal) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Honeyman, Panagis) at Chaplin Reserve. CROWD: 500.

• SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Kalantzis) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Gomez) at St George Stadium. CROWD: 6,381.
• PENRITH 2 (Ainsworth, Hunter) PARRA MELITA 0 at Gabbie Stadium. CROWD: 2,225.
• SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Vidal, Woods) ST GEORGE 0 at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 5,250.
• MARCONI 4 (R. Brown 3, McCulloch) LEIGHARDT 1 (de Ceglie) at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 5,250.
• CANBERRA 0 BLACKTOWN 1 (O'Connor) at Hawker Oval. CROWD: 1,100.
• NEWCASTLE 1 (McQuarrie) WOLLONGONG 2 (Fontana, Kerr) at Adamstown Oval. CROWD: 2,600.

TOP SCORERS

- 20 — D. Brown (SM)
Kosmina (SC)
14 — R. Brown (M)
13 — Katholos (SC)
Lowe (M)
12 — Lewis (GG)
11 — Arnold (S. Cr)
Winn (H)
Marton (SG)
Bradley (L)
McCulloch (M)
10 — Sweeney (BJ)
9 — Cairney (BL)
Patterson (H)
Konstantopoulos (WA)
Koussas (SO)
Theodorakopoulos (SO)
Lujic (F)
Egan (SM)
8 — Farina (CA)
Brandt (NR)
Jackson (PC)
Dunn (P)
McDonagh (BL)
Perinovic (CA)
Soper (SO)
Latif (SGC)
Jankovics (M)
Villani (AC)
Panagis (WA)
Kalantzis (SO)
Carter (GG)
Kotamanidis (W)

MAC'S BACK — AND PENRITH FIRE

BY BRAD EARL

DAVE McINTOSH's return to the centre of the Penrith City defence was a key factor in the 2-0 victory over Parramatta Melita at Gabbie Stadium — a win that saved Penrith's NSL life.

In a match where both defences were understandably very nervous, Penrith City played the better game and deserved victory.

Back from a two-week holiday through strength, aggression and above all heart inspired the entire Penrith team.

Going forward, the Panthers played with greater teamwork than usual, pushing the ball around well from midfield with Roy Cotton, Ian Hunter and Brian Jackson effectively interchanging positions in the forward-line.

Penrith had the ball in the net after only eight minutes when Cotton, who taunted his opponents like a matador, passed through to Hunter, whose shot was touched in by Brian Jackson, but the linesman's flag went up for offside.

With the match scoreless at half-time, Penrith coach Willie Wallace saw no need to change things for the second half.

And that decision paid dividends after only nine minutes of the second period.

Dave Fitzharris hit a well-flighted left foot cross that floated along the six-yard line and Jeff Ainsworth came in like an XPT to head the ball powerfully into the net.

The onus was off Penrith and on Melita. The Eagles had gone into the match knowing a draw would suffice, but now they were a goal down.

Three minutes after Penrith scored, Melita coach Raul Blanco took a big gamble when he replaced midfielders Ray Farrugia and Alec Jamieson with young centre-back John Gregson and striker Stuart Johnston.

"Our midfield was very quiet today," Blanco explained later.

He also pushed Kenny Wilson forward from

sweeper and moved Derek Laing from right wing to midfield.

But the Panthers held them out and in fact went to 2-0 in the 68th minute.

Melita keeper Alex McPherson and Jackson climbed to meet a cross from Cotton, but the ball ran loose and Ian Wotherspoon cut it back for Hunter to score his first goal for the club.

Penrith keeper Mike Gib-

son produced a brilliant save in the 79th minute when he stopped a drive by Wilson from close range.

At the other end, McPherson did well to stop powerful drives by McIntosh and Wotherspoon.

But Melita couldn't break through and the five minutes of stoppage time added on by Gary Power really only prolonged the agony of the final whistle in the Eagles' short NSL life.

PENRITH: Gibson; Cross, Hale, Daley, McIntosh; Wotherspoon, Ainsworth, Fitzharris; Hunter (Easthorpe 84), Cotton (Campbell 90), Jackson.

MELITA: McPherson; McDonald, Tredinnick, Wilson, McGinn; McAusland, Jamieson (Gregson 57), Farrugia (Johnston 57); Laing, McKie, Griffiths.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 2,225.

POLICE CALLED IN AS PRESTON FANS TURN ON REFEREE

BY DAVID BECK

PRESTON supporters staged a protest against Victorian referee Sam Zoumas after their team failed to qualify for the top five by drawing 0-0 against Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve.

Preston officials had to call in police reinforcements to contain the angry supporters and escort referee Zoumas out of the ground.

Zoumas was pushed and jostled on his way to the dressing room as the fans tried to get at him.



□ ROBBIE DUNN: sent off.

Preston argued that the referee had quite unjustifiably sent Robbie Dunn off the field in the 62nd minute and that he failed to award Preston two penalties, one in the 72nd minute claiming Russell Stewart handled the ball in the box.

The game failed to reach any great heights with neither side showing any real initiative.

If any, the initiative came from Brisbane Lions, who subjected Preston to tremendous pressure in the first 20 minutes of the game, forcing them to give away five corners.

Preston also applied some pressure, but they could not maintain their momentum and convert the

scoring opportunities they created.

So the season finished on a sour note for the Melbourne club that promised a great deal at the beginning of the championship, but failed to achieve its aims because of internal problems.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis, Dunn, Ilioski (Odzakov 46), Dobson, McMillan, Heys, Flavell (Cole 69), Lucchesi, Lane, Campbell.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, McSkimming, Vasquez, Niyen, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Anderson, McDonagh, Junna, Daunt (Tamor 58).

REFEREE: S. Zoumas. CROWD: 3,000.



□ PENRITH go ahead — and Jeff Ainsworth celebrates his goal with Roy Cotton (left) and Brian Jackson.



□ GABBIE GOALSCORERS: Jeff Ainsworth and Ian Hunter had reason to smile after their goals saved Penrith City from relegation.



CROATIA CRACK SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CROATIA, with a new, experimental midfield, cracked St George with relentless pressure to win 2-0 at Marconi Stadium.

Vedran Rozic, Croatia's coach, took a gamble and slotted right-back Brett Woods into the centre of midfield and also pulled back striker Shane Clinch into the left midfield with David Rezo on the right side.

The new midfield trio proved an outstanding success. Woods in fact laid on the first goal scored by Croatia skipper Bruno Vidaic.

In the 32nd minute, Woods clipped a ball into the St George box which came off a defender's chest. It rolled loose and as Saints players appealed for offside, Vidaic raced in and tapped into the net from three metres.

Desperate for the equaliser, the Saints came again in the 60th minute when Mark Barton smashed a powerful header from 10 metres which went centimetres past the post.

Brilliant Croatia striker Wally Savor back-heeled a ball on the edge of Saints' box to Woods who let fly with a shot, well smothered by Saints goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

Just 13 minutes from the end, Savor and Graham Arnold worked a determined move which ended again with Woods having a shot.

This time Woods smashed a magnificent low rocket that hit the post and cannoned into the net to send the crowd wild.

The St George back-four of David Skeen, Mike and John O'Shea and Andy Koczka all played well, with goalkeeper Greedy outstanding; but the real problem for Saints was the lack of ball-supply to their strikers, especially their goalscoring machine Dez Marton, who hardly threatened.

For Croatia, Woods was an outstanding success in the midfield. Other stars were the ever-reliable Savor with nice first-time touches, and Rezo.

Vedran Rozic, Croatia's coach, said: "I was pleased with my experiment with Woods in midfield, and the boys played very well overall."

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M. O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Koczka; Ricoy, Stone, Barton; Slater, Petkovski, Marton.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse; Ugarkovic (Boden 67), Sterrey, Vidaic, Tomasich; Rezo, Woods, Clinch; Savor, Arnold, Jurin.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 5,250 (double-header).

CONSISTENCY TAKES CITY TO THE TOP

BY TOM ANDERSON

SYDNEY CITY are the champions of the Australian Conference simply because they have not only been the best team but they've also been the most consistent.

Consistency is the hallmark of any champion side and in the last match of the season in the 1-1 draw against Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium, the Slickers' consistency stood out.

With Olympic attacking like savages, City stuck to their match-plan in a professional manner to end up with the draw that made them undisputed champions by two clear points.

This clash was one of the best of the season, if not the best — a good exhibition of entertaining football from two fine teams.

It was action-plus from start to finish.

The action started in a sensational manner when Olympic were awarded a penalty in the fifth minute after Alex Robertson handled the ball.

With the pressure on and the chance of a lifetime to get his team off to head-start, Olympic's Peter Katholos made a complete hash of the kick.

If he had drawn a diagram to show where he was going to place the ball and handed it to Tony Pezzano, he couldn't have made it any clearer.

A blind man could have read the situation and Pezzano coped with the kick easily as he dived to the right and averted the danger.

This was a costly miss for Olympic, especially when Gerardo Gomez popped up on the line in the 12th minute to head Slickers into the lead.

But Olympic were not to be outdone and young Chris Kalantzis grabbed the equaliser in the 23rd minute.

After that, both defences lived dangerously and there were misses at both ends.

It was a magnificent match and one that really



□ IT looks like a back-hander on the nose for Nick Theodorakopoulos from Tony Pezzano in the Sydney Olympic - Sydney City match at St George Stadium.

provided the crowd with entertainment they deserved for their money.

Indeed if this is the type of fare that will be provided during the top five play-offs then they will be the best ever staged. Let's hope so.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Lamboropoulos (Patikas 45), Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Ras-kopoulos, Theodora-

kopoulos, Katholos, Soper, Koussas, Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Gomez, O'Connor, Robertson (Paterson 18 - Murray 77), De Marigny; K. Falconer, P. Falconer, Barnes; Watson, Kosmina, Lee.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.
CROWD: 6,381.

WOLLONGONG THE

NSL strugglers Wollongong ended their season in tenacious style by downing Newcastle 2-1 at Adamstown.

The winner came from a spectacular 20 metre drive by sub Phil Kerr in the 80th minute.

Newcastle, after going behind in the 10th minute to a Glenn Fontana goal, created the majority of scoring chances but Ron Tilsed's dominant keeping and the steadiness of his back-four denied the home side.

John Fleming emerged as the Wolves' first half hero by clearing twice off

his goal-line, the second time to deny Simon Brandt whose first-time attempt looked a certain goal.

BY NEIL JAMESON

Newcastle appeared worth a point until Kerr struck a telling blow with a shot that dipped viciously to deceive Clint Gosling.

It took a lob by Joe Senkalski for John McQuarrie to slide the ball past Tilsed in the 83rd minute, but for

BRAVE

Newcastle it was too late.

With little more than prestige at stake, the Steel City tussle offered full value for a crowd of 2,990.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson, Kerby (Allen 45), McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Jones, Milosevic.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Fleming, Dummett, Willis, Vlietstra, Condron, Beggs, Bundalo (Kerr 55), Fontana, Kotaminidis (Green 71), Gaffney.

REFEREE: R. Davies.
CROWD: 2,990.

YOUNG AND THE OLD INSPIRE MARCONI

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SUPERLATIVE displays from Rod Brown, David Lowe, Tom McCulloch — all former Australian national youth team members — and veteran skipper Tony Henderson saw Marconi leapfrog Leichhardt to take third place for the Australian Conference semi-finals.

So often Marconi has struggled this year, but on Sunday when the cards were down they raced away from their city cousins to record a richly deserved 4-1 win at Marconi Stadium.

Rod Brown, substituted last week when he suffered from double vision, was in the right mood.

His goals arrived in the 10th, 47th, and 70th minute. There is no denying his resolve when he has the wind in his sails.

Tommy McCulloch scored one in off the post and had a hand in one of the Brown goals.

Lowe figured prominently in the lead up for Brown's second goal, set up other distinct chances and generally played havoc with the Leichhardt defence and midfield.

This was a game in which Marconi took control from the kick off and never relinquished it.

Leichhardt so obviously needed the missing Arno Bertogna and Mark Brown at the back. In addition they were minus Kerry Capan at the front, leaving them without a target man.

Marconi appeared likely to go into the break with a 2-0 lead but Robert de Ceglie brought them into the picture after Bruce James had spilled a Terry Butler shot.

Apart from a near miss by John Bradley, Marconi had all the worthwhile chances throughout the second half.

Leichhardt's Ian Gray made a comeback after a week out of the squad in the belief that he had overcome his groin injury. He lasted out the game but never quite looked his true self.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Spanos, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jan-kovics, Sharne.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Van Egmond, Ziras Pullen, Bradley, Gray, de Ceglie, Tredinnick, Morsello, Butler.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

ATTENDANCE: 4,250 (double header).

FROM THE CELLAR TO THE PENTHOUSE

BY HARRISON BURNS

BLACKTOWN CITY, relegation candidates in recent weeks, consolidated their position in the top five with a 1-0 win over Canberra Arrows at Hawker Oval.

It's been a remarkable run for the Demons. In the last four games they remained unbeaten and will now be striving to succeed in the semi-final play-offs tomorrow night (Wednesday).

Blacktown face a difficult task against Leichhardt but one wonders whether the Italian side have recovered from the 4-1 hammering inflicted upon them by Marconi last weekend.

Blacktown's Soccerroo striker Phil O'Connor once again stamped his name on the score list netting his team's important goal in the second half following good lead-up work from midfielders Martin Bourke and Stuart Selva.

O'Connor has been in great form in recent weeks after a serious leg injury

limited his first team appearances earlier this year.

Although O'Connor scored the all-important winner, Demons goalkeeper Barry Hoare produced some breathtaking saves during the latter stages to deny Canberra the equaliser.

In fact both goalkeepers were in great form, thwarting attacks on a number of occasions.

Canberra's Soccerroo goalkeeper Tony Franken produced a tremendous goal-line reflex save from Blacktown's Adam Sandy after O'Connor had released a perfect cross.

After the break, Canberra were determined to break the deadlock.

In the 60th minute Frank Farina outpaced the Blacktown defence but his pow-

erful shot flew into the side netting.

The home side peppered the Blacktown goal with a barrage of attacks and forced 12 corners during the second period.

With Canberra looking well in control, a quick counter-attacking movement from Blacktown saw O'Connor score and the Arrows demise followed. **CANBERRA:** Franken, Ontong, Jones, Christopoulos, Harkis, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Bryant, Gibson (Reis 65), Farina, Perinovic.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Byrne, Bourke, McLaughlin (Larkin 70), Sandy, O'Connor.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 1,100.



ROUND UP



□ DOUG BROWN rides a tackle.

BIG FINISH

BY HARRY HALL

SOUTH MELBOURNE finished the 1984 championship on a high note, downing Melbourne Croatia 3-1 at Middle Park.

The leaders of the National Conference staged a brilliant display of attacking Soccer and dished out tremendous punishment to the lethargic Croatia team.

Diminutive striker Charlie Egan shot South Melbourne to the lead after 11 minutes and remained the constant threat to keeper Banovic's sanctum.

Top goalscorer award hunter Doug Brown doubled the margin in the 36th minute from the penalty spot, when referee Stuart Mellings awarded a penalty to South Melbourne after Peter Lewis had fouled Egan inside the area.

Croatia responded spasmodically and created a few scoring opportunities, but

failed to capitalise on them, thus enabling South Melbourne to continue dominating the game.

Brown struck for the second time in the 81st minute heading home a cross by Carl Halford.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Bostecoglou, Kalifatidis, Davidson, Crino, Halford, Egan, Murphy (Kanesoulis 84), Brown.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic (Blasby 64), Curcio, Lewis, Adams, Deankovic, Campbell, Smoljko, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.
CROWD: 3,000.

ALL NOT LOST YET

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS may have to face the grim possibility of returning to the Victorian State League

George Cross had a very poor first year in the National League and have only managed to accumulate 16 championship points from 28 games.

Their future, however, may be secure because rumours circulating in Melbourne suggest that George will continue playing in the National League because Morewell Falcons are not very keen to join the competition.

Georgie finished the championship with a bitter 2-1 defeat at home by West Adelaide.

Graham Honeyman shattered the home team's confidence in the 40th minute with an opportunist goal.

But George Cross were on the road to recovery in the 49th minute when Bobby Toal beat Alistair Crook with the equaliser.

With a draw seemingly

on the cards, John Panagis surprised his opponents in the 66th minute with the winning goal.

SUNSHINE: Tomkinson, Taylor, Scerri, O'Reilly, Bain, McLaren, Faulkner, Jovanovic, (Campbell 68), Toal, Pit (De Luca 53), Latif.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, Hiern, Honeyman, McGachey, McGregor, Manou, Brown, Stamatiopoulos (Papadopoulos 60), Kalandaris, Malavazos, Panagis.

REFEREE: N. Murray.
CROWD: 600.



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REVENGE FOR HEIDELBERG

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

A MAKESHIFT Heidelberg United avenged their 5-1 first round thrashing against Brunswick Juventus with a narrow 1-0 win at Olympic Park.

The absence of key players Charlie Yankos, Steve Winn and Ian McKie forced Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey to reshuffle his team to compensate for their losses.

Once again Garvey relied on his young players and he was rewarded fully for the trust and confidence he has displayed in them.

Brunswick Juventus also lined up without Soccerroo midfielder Richard Miranda and young winger Andrew Zinni.

Their absence, however, did not affect the performance of the side, for their midfield functioned satisfactorily in both halves and Gary Ward and Joe Sweeney kept the Heidelberg defence on their toes with their quick breaks.

A goal by Mike Valentine in the 74th minute gave Heidelberg the most sought-after win. Valentine blasted the ball into the net after a cross to the far post by Scott Patterson.

Both sides created a glut of scoring opportunities but excellent goalkeeping at both ends kept them deadlocked until the 74th minute when Valentine emerged the hero of this mediocre, uninspiring fixture.

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Martin, Geremia,

Campbell, Rogers, Drinoczky, Satlam (Zinni 46), Lloyd, Dowie, Cullen, Ward, Sweeney.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Petersen, Marley, Angele, McLeod, Tasios, Selemidis, Valentine,

Metaxas, Stevenson, Patterson.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
CROWD: 3,000.

ADCITY GRAB QUICK GOALS

BY TOM MCKAIN

TWO goals in two minutes after being down 1-0 enabled Adelaide City to snatch a 2-1 over Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field.

Playing a back-five or four across the middle with only two strikers, Adelaide were in all sorts of trouble in the first half.

It was no surprise when Brisbane central striker Steve Walsh got himself into position on the right of goalkeeper Willie McNally to accept a cross from Garry Bromfield to grab the first goal in the 18th minute.

Into the second half and Adelaide came to life.

Coach Edmund Kreft replaced Joe Cecere, who had been playing as an extra defender or midfielder, with right winger Peter Rankin at the restart and it was on.

The home attack started to sparkle and it was a Rankin cross, low from the right, which allowed midfielder Charlie Villani to charge in and slot the ball past Kim Wishart in the 85th minute.

Two minutes later Joe Mullen lobbed a high ball in and Mark Gatenby, who had been the only other forward in the first half, nodded the ball into the net.

Over the 90 minutes, Brisbane may claim they were unlucky to lose, but the last time they met Adelaide City in SA, it was the Queenslanders who grabbed the winning goal in injury-time.

On Sunday Brisbane kept plugging away after the home side had taken the lead and came close through Frank Liddell who twice was off-target, and Bobby Hamilton.

At the other end of the park, Adelaide midfielder Steve Maxwell was thwarted by Wishart, Mullen was off-target twice and Rankin shot hit Wishart's left-hand post.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Maxwell, Villani, Melta, Gatenby, Mullen, Cecere (Rankin 45).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio Bromfield, Milovanovic, Liddell, Omaye, Pimblett, Mengotti, Hamilton, Walsh, Kowtan.

REFEREE: D. Campbell.
CROWD: 1,127.

FORMER COACH PLOTS DEFEAT

BY ROBERT TRAINER

GREEN GULLY staged a brilliant performance at Schintler Reserve to down Footscray 3-1 in their last encounter for the season.

Footscray failed to impress with Sunday's performance for they lacked enthusiasm, cohesion and determination and were penalised for weaknesses by Gully, managed by their former boss Bobby McLachlan.

Although Footscray went into the lead after 14 minutes when Zdravko Lujic hammered home a fine through ball Joe Carroll, they failed to maintain their promising lead and allowed the equaliser in the 23rd minute when L. Carter levelled from the penalty spot.

The penalty was awarded by referee Evan Veni against Igor Hazabent for an alleged foul on Paul Lewis. Green Gully went on to dominate the game after the equaliser, in spite of the physical tactics employed by the opponents.

Lewis gave Gully the lead in the 48th minute slamming into the net a rebound off the crossbar from a Jim Williams shot.

Footscray were reduced to 10 men in the 65th minute when Venios sent Vlatko Belic off the park for constant infringement of the rules.

Carter produced the final scoreline in the 79th minute with a goal from the area line.

Footscray had a mediocre season marred with a lot of internal problems which caused Bobby McLachlan's departure from Schintler Reserve.

McLachlan joined Green Gully and he's likely to continue his career in the National League with the team with which he achieved top honours in the Victorian State League.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabe, Kyriakoulas, Tansey (Tutill 61), Belic, Karic, Carr, Curovic, Fernandez (O'Donnell 61), Lujic.

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□ VLATKO BELIC (front).

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IPSWICH UNITED striker Ron Millman was a popular winner of this year's Queensland Rothmans Medal Best and Fairest award.

Millman, who has been playing with the premier league club for two years since transferring from National League side Brisbane Lions, polled 26 votes.

It was the third highest tally for a winner in the 11 year history of the medal.

Millman won by a comfortable seven points from Taringa Rovers full-back Mike Savage with Millman's Ipswich captain Wayne Warren in third place on 16 and his teammate Bruce Penman next on 15 points with former winner Mark Brusaco, now of Easts.

The medal win capped an illustrious career for Millman, who now is destined to go down as one of Queensland's greats.

Millman, prolific all-

round sportsman, began his career with Southside club East Aston Villa (later to be called Merton Easts).

The 34 year-old striker was first spotted by coach Matt Carson playing in an U/15 team and so was to begin a long and successful partnership that spanned four clubs and still exists today at Ipswich United.

Carson enticed Millman to play senior football at an early age and for one season in 1966 the young Millman played two games a day for the U/15's in the morning and the club's fourth division side in the afternoon.

The following season Millman was drafted into the club's first team, then playing in the Brisbane

second division. He scored on his first team debut and later that year was picked in the full Queensland side as a 16 year-old and again scored on his debut in a 4-3 win over South Australia.

"Those two goals were very important to me but the one I scored in this weekend's grand final will rank alongside them," Millman said after guiding Ipswich to a 2-0 premier league grand final win over Mt Gravatt.

After a long spell at Merton, Millman and Carson moved to Redlands then Southside Eagles, where he formed a partnership with Inter-Monaro striker Tony Brennan.

The pair were to form one of the fastest and

most successful striking partnerships in Queensland Soccer.

BY GREG RUSSELL

After winning local honours at Eagles, Carson was enticed to National League club Brisbane Lions. It was not long before he sought out Millman and Brennan to bolster the Lions forward line.

Millman played for four years at Lions, emerging as the club's leading NSL goalscorer.

Carson then moved on to Ipswich United and was reunited with Millman when former Lions coach Simon Kistemaker believed the striker was beyond the NSL and sold him to Ipswich.

"I have no doubts Ronny could have played National League this season and probably again next year. But Lions loss was our gain," Carson said.

The Rothman's Medal win contributed towards a clean sweep of the individual awards in Queensland Soccer for Millman this season.

He also won the QSF leading goalscorer award with 17 goals in 18 games and was voted "Man-of-the-Match" in the grand final.

Millman also is among the favourites to win the Queensland Player-of-the-year-Award at the Australian Soccer Press Association (Queensland division) presentation night at Perry Park this Friday.



□ **MATT CARSON:** the man who first spotted Millman and coached him throughout his career.

IT'S TIME TO HAND OUT THE HONOURS FOR 1984 SEASON

WITH the NSL competition now concluded and the domestic season nearing an end, this is the time when the accolades are handed out and honours bestowed.

Clubs and institutions throughout the Australian Soccer scene name their players of the year, coaches of the year and indeed near enough anything else of the year you care to imagine.

Prizes to the victors range from lucrative trips overseas to a lap round the table and a kick at the cat! But it's all harmless fun and indeed adds a bit of lustre to celebrate the conclusion of what, at times, looks like a never-ending season.

The selection of the recipients of all these awards is purely based on opinion — however the selection formula may operate.

And, if you walk down the street and ask six people who was the best player of the year, most probably you would get six different answers.

Everybody in this country is entitled to his or her opinion and probably this is one of the main reasons we're all living here.

As usual, I have my opinions on who were the stars of the 1984 season.

Unfortunately the winners will not win any prizes — only the satisfaction that one humble Soccer writer thinks they're the grouse!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

For this award I have no hesitation in selecting Sydney Olympic's dynamic young captain and midfielder Peter Raskopoulos.



□ **ANTHONY FRANKEN:** brilliant performances.

"Rasko" has had a marvellous year and has been the biggest on-the-field reason why Olympic has had its best season in the NSL.

Showing total commitment, marvellous skills, excellent vision, guile and leadership qualities, this "young veteran" has really hit the top in 1984.

Consistency has also been the hallmark of his performances.

Although only 22, Rasko has been around the NSL scene for seven years, having made his debut for Olympic as a 15-year-old schoolboy.

On this season's performances, he's got a brilliant future ahead of him and indeed looks a man destined to lead the Socceroos in years to come.

Not far behind Rasko in the Player of the Year stakes I would place another consistent midfielder performer, South Melbourne's Ken Murphy.

Murphy is the professional's professional and, for my money, the man who has done most to give South Melbourne its best NSL season.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

This is indeed quite a difficult honour to hand out, as the young talent breaking into our game at the present time is quite outstanding.

Kids are bursting through like spring bulbs in the garden with many of them just as colourful.

Comment

BY TOM ANDERSON

My "Rookie" is Canberra goalkeeper Anthony Franken, who has had a marvellous first season in the NSL since coming up from the ranks of the Australian Institute of Sport.

Franken hit the top in the World Youth Championship Finals in Mexico last year, but has now more than made a niche for himself at senior level.

He also rammed this home with some brilliant performances for the Socceroo "B" team in the World Soccer Series last June.

COACH OF THE YEAR

For my money, I would make national coach Frank Arok "Coach of Every Year" for as long as he wants the honour, if he can keep producing wonderful results with the Socceroos as he did against the mighty Juventus, Manchester United and Glasgow Rangers.

But as we are judging on club results and Frank's mercy dash to Europe for a serious neck operation hampered his results with

St George, I will place the award elsewhere.

In fact, to his national team assistant Eddie Thomson, who once again has scooped the pool and finished on top of the pile with the Slickers.

For this to happen is one of the finest achievements in the coaching game here in Australia for quite a while.

The reason being that at the start of the season, the Slickers set-up was in a complete shambles and at one stage it was doubtful whether they were going to continue.

In the midst of all the speculation and turmoil, Thomson's coaching and leadership ability won the day and he instilled a new spirit second-to-none in his rebuilt team.

In Slickers success this year, many people tend to forget the early traumas, but I haven't and Eddie Thomson deserves a medal for his outstanding contribution to Slickers and indeed the game of football.

As runner-up to Thomson, I go for Heidelberg's Brian Garvey, who also produced a team and a half from a squad that was completely depleted at the start of the season.

This year I would also like to present special awards to the wives and sweethearts of all the players, coaches, press and media men in the game.

For with the season running from January to November and trials starting in December, they deserve awards more than anyone else!



□ **PETER RASKOPOULOS:** Olympic's leader.

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□ CLIFF POINTER: not quitting.

BLACKTOWN CITY captain Cliff Pointer, preparing to lead his team into the sudden death semi-final tomorrow night, has denied rumours that he is quitting.

Pointer, 33, has been a tremendous clubman at Blacktown, now in his sixth year with the club.

The tall stopper has battled an achilles tendon injury for several months, leading to rumours that he would retire, but Pointer told ASW he is not planning to hang up his boots yet.

THE Socceroo line-up to play in Hobart tomorrow night is basically a two-club amalgamation of South Melbourne and Sydney City, to avoid calling on players in the top five NSL series.

"At this stage of the season, I don't want to interfere with club coaches," said national coach Frank Arok.

LES SCHEINFLUG was a busy boy last week.

On the Monday, a public holiday, it was his 46th birthday and had to be with the Marconi team at Club Marconi for their annual Italian picnic.

He was called back home unexpectedly in the afternoon, where he walked into a surprise birthday party organised by his wife, Sylvia. Congratulations Les.

THE National League is concerned about the large number of yellow cards handed out this season.

You can't always blame card-happy referees, either.

Quite a lot of NSL players have picked up more than 20 disciplinary points this year ... and that's unacceptable.

It might be a useful deterrent if the NSL published the names of the regular offenders.

Why not? It could be called "the dirty dozen" or something similar!

PARRAMATTA MELITA coach Raul Blanco is still very angry about the incident which saw his player Stuart Johnson taken to hospital during the match against Sydney City.

"That sort of stuff goes down well in Rugby League but Soccer doesn't need elbows in the face," said Blanco.

FIL BOTTALICO, Leichhardt Apia coach, says he is well pleased with the performances of his team this year in view of several headaches.

"I had a first team squad of only ten and a half players and as soon as we lost anyone through injury or suspension, we had to throw in youngsters," said Bottalico.

The Leichhardt coach is expected to sign a contract for 1985 soon. He has had talks with president Nick Papallo.

PARRAMATTA MELITA certainly took last Sunday's desperate relegation battle seriously.

The players went into training camp on Saturday at lunch time and were not allowed home until after the game.

WEST ADELAIDE'S Theo Stamatopoulos "fluked" a place in the Socceroo Under 23 team for the defence of the Merillon Cup in Singapore.

The Youth team squad stand-by was watched by coach Jimmy Shoulder in the derby against Adelaide City and turned in his best performance of the season — but he might not have played.

He was in from the kick-off because fellow midfielder big Chris Manou was serving the second match of a two-match suspension.

Stamatopoulos joins team-mate and fellow midfielder John Panagis for the trip to Singapore.

YUGOSLAVIAN teams are keen to play matches in Australia between Christmas and the New Year.

Luckily, the Australian Soccer Federation said: "Nothing doing."

Who wants Soccer at that time of the year?

But the refusal to sanction the tours here probably cost the ASF a match in Belgrade next month on the European tour.

AFTER such an impressive start to the season, Parramatta Melita suffered from injuries to key players.

One who looked set to star in the NSL was Billy Griffiths.

A skilful and intelligent midfielder, the "injury bug" also hampered Griffiths' appearances in the top grade.

MARCONI's Paul Carter suffered the indignity of scoring an own goal to equalise for Croatia last week.

Luckily for Paul, Marconi grabbed another goal to win 2-1.

After the match, he was relieved to find out that his goal wasn't caught on video tape, as the TV cameras had broken down early in the match.



□ DAVE REZO: frustration.

STEVE O'CONNOR, Australia's giant centre-back, will become a daddy for the first time next May.

He was married last year to attractive Ansett Golden Wings lass, Terri.

A PROMINENT NSL player recently opened up his first business venture, and it is proving most profitable.

It's an SP betting operation, and it's a safe bet the player will be secure for life.

He told us he didn't race into it, but felt it was a stable business and he will let it run its course.

DAVID MITCHELL, a contender for Australia's World Cup team, was included in Glasgow Rangers' first team last month when Ally McColist was ruled out through illness.

However, in one Scottish newspaper's ratings, Mitchell was only awarded five points out of 10.

One of national coach Frank Arok's priorities on next month's world tour will be to check on Mitchell's progress with Rangers.

ONE of the most definitive works on the history of Soccer in Australia will come from the pen of Phil Mosely in about a year's time.

Mosely is working for his doctorate from the University of NSW and his subject is "The Social History of Soccer 1880-1957".

It's an era that too few people know anything about. Mosely has already been researching his chosen topic for the past four years.

He has coached juniors extensively in the NSW Churches Soccer Football Association with Maroubra Baptist and also with Maroubra United in the Southern & Eastern Association.

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok is extremely unlikely to add any new faces to the squad he's been training for the world tour.

"It's just possible we could bring in one player, or even two, but you cannot suddenly bring someone into the squad just because of one good match," said Arok.



□ STEVE O'CONNOR (front) goes up for a header.

MOST of SA's NSL players will still be in action in November, although none is involved in any top five play-offs.

However, a "World Cup" has been organised for teams representing England, Scotland, Australia, Italy, Greece, Ireland, Poland and the Rest of the World.

A charity affair, to be played over two weeks at several grounds, it will see the majority of the West and Adelaide City stars taking part.

HE'S made it at last.

Allstair Crook, no relation to former Socceroo keeper Martyn, lined up in the West Adelaide goal for the final round of the NSL season.

COACH Sam Salabasidis has been toying with the idea of giving the big youngster his chance, and he could be a serious contender to oust Gary Sproul next year.

It would be an ironic switch as it was Sproul who forced Crook out before the Socceroo decide to "rest" for 1984.

UNDER-RATED Sydney Croatia midfielder Dave Rezo has had a frustrating time with a groin injury this season.

Rezo was ready to make a comeback to strengthen Croatia's midfield, but with the team out of danger, coach Vedran Rozic decided that it wasn't necessary to risk worsening his injury.

The 22-year-old hopes to be back to his best in 1985.

MARCONI hold their annual meeting on October 21. That's when a decision will be made about the coaching position for 1985.

The tip is that Les Scheinflug will retain the job — as he should after a good season with a new-look side.

Soccer president Ron Cavagnino says: "I always believe in judging a coach on his results and there are no complaints about Marconi's results this year."



□ DAVID GREEN

ALTHOUGH Wollongong City had a disastrous season this year, there is still hope for the future.

Coach Adrian "Noddy" Alston was forced to promote youngsters into the top grade, and one player who particularly impressed was local product David Green.

Due to a lack of competent defenders, Green was hastily reverted from a striker to right-back and enjoyed considerable success.

PETER BROGAN, former Marconi and Blacktown City defender, was disappointed at being suspended for Penrith City's final match — the relegation decider against Parramatta Melita.

It meant Brogan missed becoming Penrith's only ever-present player in their inaugural NSL season by just one match.

PENRITH CITY secretary John Glynn could still find a smile last week under the build-up to the relegation battle against Melita.

"We've waited all year to be selected for Channel 0-28's 'Match of the Day', and then it had to be this game," Glynn said.

NSW State League club Rockdale Ilinden enjoyed their best-ever season in 1984.

After winning second division last year, Rockdale finished one point behind premiers Inter Monaro, but ran out winners 3-2 in the Grand Final against the Queanbeyan side.

Coach Ilya Takacs deserves a lot of credit for their success.

It wouldn't surprise to see him offered a coaching position in the NSL next year.

ONE-TIME high-scoring forward Bill Yates is in Royal North Shore Hospital for heart by-pass surgery and his old friends wish him well.

Bill played for the old Corinthians and other State League clubs. It is not many years since he gave up playing regular Soccer.

WEST COACH TALKS OF QUITTING

BY TOM MCKAIN

THERE could be seven new faces in the West Adelaide line-up next season . . . and perhaps a new coach.

Coach Sam Salabasidis has asked for four experienced players and three of the current regulars have announced they are quitting.

The club is trying to sign the players Salabasidis wants.

If there are no signings he says he will return to Greece, where he was coaching before this season . . . or move interstate.

Preston's Robbie Dunn is West's first target, and there are three State League players to approach when their season finishes at the end of this month.

The trio who say they are hanging up their boots are veteran Neil McGachey, captain Graham Honeyman and Ian McGregor.

However, Salabasidis is confident that if he can come up with a strengthened squad, McGregor and Honeyman will play.

McGregor is only 28, but says he has been playing senior Soccer since he was 15, and feels he has had enough.

"I find it very hard to get motivated," he said.

"I'm getting married at the end of November and honeymooning in Tasmania."

"I might think about Soccer when I return, but at the moment I'm finished," he



□ IAN MCGREGOR (left) shuts down Peter Sharne.

said.

Honeyman was coaxed out of retirement this season, but says he wants to move into the State League where things are easier and not so time-consuming.

At 31, he still has a lot to offer, and was one of West's better players this season.

McGachey, captain when West won the Philips League in 1978, says his

legs no longer do what his brain wants them to do.

"I don't want to go out remembered as a has-been, so I'll pack it in now," he said.

"I only played this year to help out the club, and keep Graham company."

While Salabasidis is resigned to seeing McGachey depart, he is adamant that he can talk the other two into playing at least one more season.

WOLVES 'ROCKED' BY POP MUSIC

BY PHIL MURPHY

STRUGGLING Wollongong City have lost \$10,000 in a disastrous venture into the rock business!

"Rock With The Wolves" at Brandon Park near Wollongong drew only about 4,000 people after Soccer club directors had hoped to attract 10,000.

"We gambled and lost but the main factor was the weather," said club chairman Laurie Kelly as he helped volunteers pick up the rubbish at the rock venue the day after.

"It was a really cold day and it also clashed with the direct telecast of the Bathurst car races so we went down the drain."

The club had hoped to raise about \$50,000 from the concert, as Illawarra Steelers did last year.

Total loss on the day was \$20,000 but promoters Michael Chugg Management agreed to split any losses incurred in the venture.

Kelly said advertising for the concert had been first-class and he was confident the club would stage another.

"We have learned a lot from this venture and given good weather next year, I

am confident we will do well," he said.

"If we had raised the \$50,000 it would have been a great boost for our team next season but our overall financial situation is improving."

Kelly said Wollongong started the year owing \$126,000 but reduced this deficit to around \$65,000.

This was done largely through pruning the payroll

and collecting transfer fees from the likes of Phil O'Connor, Chris Dunleavy, Roy Cotton and Jeff Ainsworth.

Their departure left the club with a largely inexperienced squad and the team finished on the bottom of the league.

Kelly is confident Wollongong will again be a force in the league next season despite the latest setback.

GOMEZ STAKES TOUR CLAIM

BY DAVID JACK

GERRY GOMEZ, Sydney City's utility player, is a surprise late inclusion in the Soccerroo team to play in Hobart tomorrow (Wednesday.)

Gomez played his best game of the season for Slickers against Sydney Olympic last Sunday and although national coach Frank Arok was not there to see it, he must have been advised by his contacts that Gomez is worth a run in Tasmania.

This raises the possibility that Gomez could be a late inclusion on Australia's squad for the tour of China

and Europe, although the chance of that happening is remote.

John Kosmina and Alex Robertson are injured, which further weakens Arok's team to play in Hobart.

Gerry Gomez is Costa Rican. His great value to club and country could be in his adaptability . . . he can play in the backline, midfield or in the forwards.



□ GERRY GOMEZ: late inclusion.

NEWCASTLE CRACK CUPS DOUBLE

BY NEIL JAMESON

NEWCASTLE completed a rare double of cup finals by defeating Marconi in the National Youth knock-out decider at Adamstown Oval.

The Newcastle senior team had previously won the NSL Cup and their younger counterparts made it two trophies for the club by scoring two spectacular goals to edge out the determined Fairfielders.

Terry Mason, a Central Coast recruit, struck for Newcastle in the 44th minute with a spectacular overhead scissor-kick that beat Marconi's Dragan Popovac.

Mason almost put it beyond doubt five minutes into the second half when he beat the keeper with an 18 metre drive only to see the ball rebound off the crossbar.

However, Newcastle wrapped it up in the 56th minute when Bernard Kerby laid on a long through-ball for Darren Stewart. With the option of squaring the ball inside for Glenn Cameron, Stewart wisely chose to shoot and his 20 metre drive found the net.

Marconi struck back to make for a climactic finish via Ian Reid whose 65th minute cross found Tony Marino, and his header looped high into the Newcastle goal to give Marconi

hope of a fight back.

It was not to be and New-

castle deservedly collected the trophy.

LEICHHARDT KNOCKED OUT

IN the Youth League top four play-offs, Leichhardt were eliminated in the sudden-death semi-final at Hawker Oval.

Canberra Arrows ran out 2-0 winners, with Manis Lamond scoring both goals in the second half.

At the Gabbie Stadium, Melita Eagles provided some joy for their loyal band of supporters when they downed favourites St George 3-2 after extra-time.

Michael Tooma opened the scoring for the Eagles in the 16th minute with a header.

But it only took the Saints four minutes to get back on level terms when Chris Polias thundered one into the roof of the net from seven metres after the Eagles keeper had been penalised for "steps" on the edge of the six-yard box.

Five minutes into the

second half and the Saints went into the lead when Polias again hit one into the top corner of the net from a free-kick at the edge of the area.

Andy Callanan headed home a Lindsay Johnston cross in the 73rd minute to finish off a fine Eagles move and level the scores.

Paul Andricopoulos sent the Eagles fans alight with a fine solo goal in the 11th minute of extra-time.

But there was a deathly hush a couple of minutes later when the Saints were awarded a penalty. The normally lethal Steve Zanitides sent the keeper Bill Londos the wrong way but the ball travelled wide of the other post, and the Eagles were through.

— PETER RUSSELL

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Girls were also permitted to play in U10, so Shannon Arnold turned out in U10 Div 5.

This team had few players who had been in Soccer before but they ended up minor premiers and grand final

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FRONT ROW: Peter Molinaroli, Nathan Harris, Joel Dowden, Ricky Greaves, Zachary Cochran, Paul Gent, Monique Molinaroli.



□ U13 GIRLS: BACK ROW: Ian Stevens (manager), Fiona Stevens, Cathy Maxworthy, Emma Westerman, Teresa Picello, Judith Dunstan, Jenny Lewis, Waminda Parker, Sharynn Larkin (coach).

FRONT ROW: Leanne Palmer, Stephanie Noonan, Monique Molinaroli, Vanessa Gent, Cindy Courteille, Samantha Clench, Melanie Beal.

ABSENT: Emma Cole, Sally Stoten.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

HANWOOD's U14 team, who won the NSW State Championships for Riverina, lost 2-1 to Hills Independent in Sunday's round of the Champion of Champions series.

In U13, Gladesville RSL tried desperately but could not recover from a 1-0 deficit in their match against Illawarra's Lake Heights at Peel Park, Gladesville.

The full results are:

U8: Southern Districts 3, North Rocks 2; St Andrews 2, St George 0; Rooty Hill RSL 2, Southern & Eastern 0.

U9: Merrylands 3, Southern Districts 1; Wakehurst 2, St George 0; Blacktown Pioneers 1, Southern & Eastern 0.

U10: Winston Hills 2, Southern Districts 0; St George 7, St Andrews 1; Blacktown United 3, Southern & Eastern 0.

U11: Southern Districts 3, North Rocks 1; Dapto 4, Beecroft 0; Southern & Eastern 3, Blacktown Spurs 1.

U12: Southern Districts 3, Baulkham Hills 0; St George 4, Wakehurst 0; Southern & Eastern 2, Blacktown United 1.

U13: Luddenham Croatia 1, Sutherland 0; Lake Heights 1, Gladesville Heights 0; Southern & Eastern 1, St Ives 0.

U14: Hills Independent 2, Hanwood 1; Carling-

ford Redbacks 3, Corrimall 1; Hornsby Heights 3, Southern & Eastern 1.

U15: Penrith RSL 5, Yoogali 3; Epping YMCA 3, Port Kembla 1; Blacktown Pioneers 1, Southern & Eastern 0.

U16: Southern & Eastern 1, North Rocks 0; Balgownie 3, West Pennant Hills 0.

U17: West United 5, Sutherland 0; Epping-Eastwood 2, Warilla Wanderers 1; Southern & Eastern 3, Kur-ring-gai 0.

U18: Southern Districts 5, Granville 3; St George 5, North Epping Rangers 2.

U21: Pendle Hill 5, Sutherland 0; Manly 1, St George 0.

ALL AGE: Rydalmere 3, Southern Districts 0; St George 2, Epping YMCA 1; Blacktown 2, Southern & Eastern 1.

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RIVERINA HOME IN 'SERDERON'

THE magnificent \$500 first prize in the 1984 Serderon Awards has gone to the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The prizes are made available by Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd based on publicity material made available from April 3 to September 25 for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'S Junior Scene pages.

This year our Albury correspondent Frank Finlay kept up the best supply of news on country Soccer ever made available to any Australian Soccer publication.

The Finlay news ranged over Riverina items, Albury-Wodonga, out to centres such as Leeton in the MIA, cover for the Amundsen tournament on the South Coast, country championships and "on tour" country matches as far north as Newcastle.

Sometimes a vitriolic character, Finlay has his heart in the game. What he accomplished was done in spite of a year of wretched health.

He nominated Riverina Branch to receive the award.

Second place and a \$250 cheque goes to the 1983 winner, Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

Mr Bill Turner, music master at Booragul High School in the Lake Mac-



Mr Steve Serda, managing director of Serderon Pty Ltd, said: "I have personally kept in contact with the vast volume of junior Soccer news published in ASW."

"It reflects tremendous credit on the entire organisation of the code."

"I am pleased that the paper has a clear policy that allows our great sport to be fostered and continue its growth pattern through supply of news, in which all interested people can participate."

Mr Serda is closely connected with the sport. He has held positions with Southern & Eastern SFA and Sydney City juniors.

This year he took his team to Europe for a very productive tour and has plans to assist the promotion of a potentially very successful new competition for 1985.

Third prize and a \$100 cheque goes to the Metropolitan Catholic Schools

Soccer Association, thanks to the fine material provided by convenor Maurice Gile of Fairfield Patrician Brothers.

Also to receive \$100 is the Across The Waves club nominated by our Bundaberg (Queensland) correspondent Andrew Stillman.

With the assistance of his father Steve Stillman and his mother, Andrew provided Queensland news in spite of pressing studies.

He represented his State in Newcastle in the National Championship this year.

Fifth place and a \$50 cheque goes to Sutherland Shire Soccer Association in recognition of the photographic assistance of Frank Dowling and Glen Robinson.

It is only a small token to a 9,000-player Association, but ASW greatly appreciates the co-operation received.



□ GRANVILLE U12 team snapped at Garside Park with Granville Soccer Supporters Club in the background. The group is:

BACK ROW: Frank Rossettin (coach), Bradley Wiles, Michael Crosetta, Adam Hagger, Andrew Hinchliff, John Hagger (manager).

MIDDLE ROW: Jason Wills, Dirk Llovert, David Valarella, Gary Bell, Luigi Granatta.

FRONT ROW: Nathan McKlerman, Steven Johnson, Jason Beedell, Sean Scroggle, Darryn Maher.

GRANVILLE'S PROUD RECORD

GRANVILLE DISTRICT Association has a proud record of well-performed junior representative teams, and this year's U12 team is no exception.

In fact the group has greatly added to Granville's tradition over the past three years. Next year they move into the NSW Youth League.

Their outstanding record reads:

U10: Third in the Metropolitan Championship and took out the NSW State Championship.

U11: Won the Metropolitan and State Championships.

U12: Won the Metropolitan Championship and finished runners-up in the State Championship to Blacktown Association.

In the three years of championship games, the Granville boys have scored 114 goals and conceded 30.

They have been coached by Frank Rossettin of North Parramatta over the period.



quarie area, understandably had the Bill Turner Cup for U15 school teams from all education sectors named in his honour.

News has flowed in on Turner Cup, Commonwealth Bank Cup, tours and junior national competitions.

The Turner Cup, only in its fifth year, has grown to encompass 270 teams and from here on the sky is the limit.

This is the fourth year that Serderon Pty Ltd has sponsored the series in the interests of assisting all junior and schools Soccer to better publicise their considerable activities.

The first two years saw the winning prize go to Chullora Wolves Soccer Club, due to the sterling work of Robert Wozniak.

SILVER CITY UPGRADES

IMPROVEMENTS to the Soccer complex in Broken Hill are costing a cool \$167,820.

The funds to up-grade Soccer facilities in the Silver City have been contributed by the Federal and State Governments, with the assistance of Broken Hill City Council and the Broken Hill Soccer Association.

The \$167,820 comprises \$49,000 from the Council and the users and

\$118,820 from government.

Originally two fields were set up. The new improvements will include a covered spectator stand and four team shelters.

A second playing pitch will be floodlit for training purposes and a canteen improved.

More than 60 teams compete in the BHSA. There are now 12 teams in U7, a growth of five from the previous year.

Fortunately a small ground is being constructed for the little fellows.

The complex is in use for Soccer for the high schools and primary schools as well as for the weekend teams.

Improvements of this nature are very welcome at Broken Hill, where lack of rain often puts facilities that are taken for granted elsewhere at a premium.

Certainly BHSA chairman Neville Bent and his management team have reason to be proud of the latest developments.



□ BACK ROW: Alex Dalla Pala, Damian Lingard, Peter Oliver, Charlie Pace (coach), George Jacob, Tugut Irice, Tony Delorenzo, Anthony Hopewell, Roy Marina, Charlie Pace (co-coach and manager), Michael Perkins, Matthew McMahon.

MIDDLE ROW: Jeff Farrugia, Sam Tedesco, Brett Lawson, Alfie Rapisarda, Ili Mijalkov.

FRONT ROW: young supporter Rebecca Pace, ball-boy Matthew Pace.

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN!

BY a remarkable coincidence, the Wetherill Park U16 A team had Charlie Pace as coach and another Charlie Pace as co-coach and manager.

It somehow provided the recipe for success because the Westerners won the Southern Districts grand final.

Playing in the U16/17 competition, they turned the tables on Patrician Bros Fairfield in the semi-final and grand final after two losses in the competition.

Wetherill Park next accounted for Sydney United U16B to enter the NSW Champion of Champions, in which they moved along very nicely.

Behind the team have been sponsors Wonderland Travel at Blacktown, Crown Lift Trucks of Smithfield and Adman Signs of Canley Heights.

Wetherill Park Westerners were formed only three years ago and this year they could boast of four grand final winning teams.

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PARKER'S GOLD IN TASSIE

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

IAN PARKER finally won the Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania after finishing runner-up last year and fourth in 1981.

It was a very popular decision and just reward for a player who has rejuvenated Tasmanian Soccer since his arrival in the State in 1981.

Parker has been with Caledonians since coming to the State, despite approaches from a number of NSL clubs, and it looks as if he may well remain a one-club man.

"At this moment, I think I'll still be with Calies next year," said Parker after being presented with the medal by Tasmanian Premier, Robin Gray. "Calies have always done the right thing by me ever since I came here, so it's my way of repaying them for looking after me."

Parker won the medal with 26 votes, two ahead of Georgetown's Andy Scheibl.

"It's certainly a relief," Parker said. "For two or three years now I've thought it was my year but, now it's finally happened, I just can't believe it."

"People kept telling me I was in with a chance but, seriously, I thought I'd had an up-and-down kind of season."

"Towards the end of the season I started to come good and I thought I might be in with a slight chance."

Parker again finished as the Cadbury State League's top scorer with 18 goals.

He scored the same number of goals last year to finish joint top with Olympia's Perry Forster.

Top vote-getters were: Parker (Calies) 26; Scheibl (Georgetown) 24; Peter Saville (Launceston Juventus) 20; Chris Hey (Olympia-WPL); Larry Nunn (Croatia-Glenorchy) 19; Nick Di Martino (Juventus-Pioneer); Terry Banagan (Calies) 17; Joe McGroy (Ulverstone) 16; Bobby Rybak (University) 15; Fabio Pizzirani (Devonport) 14; John Dilba (Rapid) 13.



□ IAN PARKER: Rothmans winner.

O'GORMAN GOAL SINKS UNITED

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

COFF's Harbour Lions laid claim to being the strongest side on the NSW North Coast after they defeated Lismore's South Stars United 1-0 in the inaugural NRTV Soccer Challenge played at Coffs Harbour Showground.

The narrow scoreline suggests the closeness of the match and it wasn't until the 61st minute when Lions broke the deadlock.

Striker Bill Kenny ran on to a fine pass on the left flank and his pin-point cross was skilfully headed into goal by striker Peter O'Gorman.

During the opening exchanges South Stars created numerous problems pushing forward. Fine goalkeeping from Lions' Frank Maione kept them at bay.

In fact, Maione capped off a fine game by winning the "Man-of-the-Match" award.

On a number of times the 27-year-old goalkeeper was called upon to produce some tremendous acrobatic saves.

Lions captain Peter Rea was a relieved man after the game.

"I must admit they looked the better side during the first half," he said.

"After the break we came out fighting. I think

they ran out of steam," the ex-Marconi and Bankstown midfielder added.

Rea along with Maione and sweeper Dean Burns had strong games for the home side.

Lismore's best players

were striker Brett Towner and defender Greg Sharp.

It was a fine promotion for Soccer on the North Coast and credit should be directed to local TV Station NRN 11 for telecasting the game live.



MILLMAN IS THE HERO

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Brisbane Lions NSL striker Ron Millman was the hero of Ipswich United's 2-0 Queensland Premier League Grand Final win over Mt Gravatt at Perry Park last weekend.

Millman scored Ipswich's first goal in the 77th minute to set his team on the road to victory and capped a brilliant weekend for himself.

Millman, who is uncertain about playing again next year, was heralded as the greatest Queensland Soccer player in 20 years by his coach Matt Carson after the grand final.

Ipswich's other goal was scored by Millman's young striking partner Peter Vogler three minutes from time to wrap up what had been a one-sided final.

Although Mt Gravatt fielded their strongest side following the late recovery from injury of star striker Gary Bohan, they never pressured the Ipswich defence.

The first half was a dour affair with Vogler the only player having any opportunity to score, but he slipped over twice as he attempted to get his shots away.

The longer the second half dragged on the more it looked like an Ipswich win and once Millman netted his goal Mt Gravatt were a beaten side.

Ipswich will now leave in three weeks for a three match, week long tour of New Caledonia.

The 34-year-old evergreen started the weekend by winning the Rothman's gold medal on Friday night.

The speedy winger also had won the Premier

League leading scorer award with 17 goals in 18 fixtures then won the Pat Goddard award for the man-of-the-match in the Grand Final.



WESTY IN DISPUTE

BY BILL TURNER

THE method of deciding the Northern NSW First Division Grand Final on penalty kicks is still being hotly disputed.

Weston Workers Bears won the title for the Coalfields 7-6 on a penalty shoot-out after they and West Wallsend Bluebells had finished scoreless at Macquarie Field.

It seems a poor way to end a season after six or seven months of competitive football.

Two things are certain: NSL referee Robert Davies handled his first Northern

NSW Grand Final with distinction, and the Macquarie Field ground at Speers Point is in immaculate condition.

The new committee of Lake Macquarie Soccer Club has made it a real showpiece.

Earlier in the season, members of the Glasgow Rangers party rated it as the best pitch they had played on in Australia.

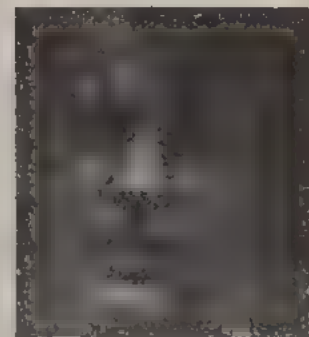
ARROWS GO SOUTH

CANBERRA ARROWS' visit to Albury to play the Albury-Wodonga representative side on Saturday, October 13, is being treated as big news in Southern NSW and Northern Victoria.

Organisers expect a crowd of many thousands to attend the match.



NICK ANDRONICOS: captain of Albury City and a leading player of the Albury-Wodonga combined team.



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DOUNIS AIMS FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE

CANTERBURY-Marrickville striker Louis Dounis has one ambition in Soccer — to play in the National Soccer League.

Dounis, leading goalscorer for the Berries with eight goals this year, has enjoyed considerable success playing in the State League.

In fact, Dounis' career looked secure while he was under the guidance of coach Atti Abonyi at Riverwood in 1981.

At the young age of 17 Dounis was promoted to the first grade after impressing in the lower grades.

Dounis was full of compliments for Atti Abonyi. "He is a top coach," the 20-year-old striker said.

"He gave up so much time to help with any problems. Best of all he gave me confidence."

In the same year, Dounis impressed officials in the schoolboy ranks and won selection in the Australian Schools side along with Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic), Robert Catlin (Leichhardt), Lenny Vial

(Parramatta-Melita) and Peter Kotaminidis and Ray Vlietstra (Wollongong City).

Dounis started his career with Earlwood Wanderers in the Canterbury Association — the same club where Sydney Olympic Soccerer Peter Ras-kopoulos started his career.

After a four-year period, Dounis moved to APIA-Leichhardt — a club that has again shown some interest after the recent Rothmans Medal Awards.

In 1979 he played with Greek-supported club Sydney Olympic in the U15 Youth League and the following season moved to Sydney City.

Ironically, it was Sydney City coach Rick Brown who suggested Dounis trial with NSW State League club Riverwood.

"At the end of 1980, the National Youth League was formed and you were eligible if you were U19," said Dounis.

"I thought I wouldn't have a great chance of making the side because I was only 16."

"Rick thought it would probably be better for me to trial with the lower grades at Riverwood."

"I didn't regret the move," Dounis added.

Dounis was reunited with Sydney Olympic in 1982 and enjoyed considerable success playing with the National Youth League side.

Last year Dounis made his debut with the first XI in a pre-season competition.

"I came on as a substitute and set up Olympic's goal which Marshal Soper scored."

"We were down 1-0 at the time and ended up drawing the game and winning the round-robin tournament," Dounis recalled.

His taste of first-team football was short-lived. Olympic signed ex-Manchester United striker Steve Paterson and Dounis had to be content with playing in the youth side.

This year the electrical engineering student was placed on transfer by Olympic and Canterbury-Marrickville didn't spare any time in signing him.

In fact, ex-coach John

Xipolitas rated him as one of the best signings during the past two years.

"Louis is a tremendous striker and I was thoroughly impressed with his ability to get into goalscoring positions," said Xipolitas.

"He still is young and I'm sure he has a huge future ahead of him."

"I must admit I was surprised that Olympic let him go," Xipolitas added.

Dounis' ambitions of playing in the National Soccer League could be realised next year.

Leichhardt is only one of the clubs showing interest in the youngster and it wouldn't surprise if others bid for Louis Dounis.



CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE FIRST GRADE



NOBLE WANTS A JOB



NEW SOUTH WALES Player of the Year of 1981, Bobby Noble, is back in Sydney and looking for a coaching job.

Noble won the prestigious award in his third season with Inter-Monaro, having played in the Philips League with Western Suburbs.

He has spent the last three years in the Riverina as player-coach of Griffith City.

The club competes in the ACT League, and this season finished third.

His address is 4 Bala Place, Marayong, 2140.

□ CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE'S 1984 STATE LEAGUE SQUAD:
BACK ROW: Ali El Zein, Lucky Konistis, John Karaspyros, John Pettas, Louis Dounis, Philip Philipou, George Hatzitoffis, Glen Laws, John Anagnostopoulos (captain).
FRONT ROW: Paul Joannidis, Mariou Philipou, Dennis Fternlatls, Spiro Hantzis, Tony Antonopoulos, Craig Hall.

SHARKS WIN

SUTHERLAND fully deserved their second grade grand final victory over a game Manly team who thought their season had ended two weeks ago.

Manly scored first in the 25th minute when Dudley Fox broke through the Sutherland defence and slotted the ball past keeper Craig Burchmore.

In the 37th minute, Brandt Cashman made a strong run down the right and scored the equaliser for Sutherland from 15 metres with a shot into the far corner of the net.

Three minutes later, the Sharks took the lead when a through-ball from midfield was headed in by Scott Hughes.

Greg Leronde scored another for the Blues in the 57th minute with an accurate angled shot from the left side of the box.

In the last minute, Hughes scored his second goal for the night from the penalty spot.

Sutherland were very sharp but Manly tended to tire in the second half.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Foster, Sellar, Burrow (Watkins 27), Leronde, Cox, Connor (Knowles 85), Cashman, Hughes, Parsons, Tasker.

MANLY: Jones, Scobie, Sestanovich, Sargeant (Paul Vale 63), Lynch, Barker, Etherington, Juergens, Davison, Peter Vale (Woodward 45), Fox.

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HILLS' UNBEATEN RUN

CONGRATULATIONS to the young third grade team from Baukham Hills in NSW State League Third Division.

With 16 wins and six draws they were the only team in nine State League grades to go through undefeated.

They won 2-0 against Campbelltown City in the semi-final and then handled the final against Bondi Marine 4-0 with team skipper Steve Nowalinski scoring a hat trick.

Injuries caused coach Don Rodgers to bring two players up from the Under 16 Youth League team.

The three regular strikers weighed in with over 20 goals each, with a final tally of 89 goals to 12 against.



BACK ROW: Gary Smith, Ross Melano, Steve Nowalinski (Capt), Damien Bradley, Richard Buchanan, Keith North, Mark Hughes, Joe Grima, Brad Marino.
FRONT ROW: Vic North (Manager), Stewart Zulunardo, Don Rogers, Rod Pruss, Scott Rendell, Mark Williamson, Steve Berry, Don Rogers (Coach).

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ROOS READY FOR CHINA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's national women's Soccer team flies out for China on Thursday.

The team will do battle with teams from the USA, Netherlands and Japan



□ JIMMY SELBY

and four teams from China. The Australians will be guests of the Chinese Government while in Xian City until they fly back to Australia on October 31.

Australia's coach Jimmy Selby said: "We have a busy period ahead of us over the next few weeks. First we fly out to China to do battle there.

"After returning to Australia we fly out again on December 3 this time to Taiwan for the women's unofficial World Cup."

Australia will be looking to big games from their very experienced "soldiers" Susan Monteath.

Julie Dolan, Cindy Heydon and Sharon Mateljan.

Heydon, NSW's consistent midfield goalscorer, topped the scoring charts again at the recent national titles.

Australia's busy schedule will test the Aussie girls' stamina and ability as the China tour presents them with opponents of unknown quantity. "Sweet'n'sour" results could be in store for our girls.

Selby will rely heavily on Vicky Salmons (goal-keeper), Kristen Theile, Joanne Millman, Rose van Bruinessen and Kerry Millman to defend Australia.



□ VICKY SALMONS



□ JOANNE MILLMAN



□ SUSAN MONTEATH

GLADESVILLE HORNSBY'S SUCCESS

PROBABLY the most successful women's Soccer association in the Sydney area at the moment is the Gladesville-Hornsby group in the North-West of the metropolitan area.

In their first year, the Under 15s took out the metropolitan inter-district competition.

Later in the season, their Under 17 representative team was formed and competed in the rugged Central Coast tournament, where they took out the championship.

At club level, Epping-Eastwood won the Champion of Champions competition by defeating Forest from the Manly-Warringah Association.

Five of the Gladesville-Hornsby U15 players were picked for the junior Nationals in Canberra.

Not to be outdone, five of the senior players from the Association were selected in the senior NSW side which won the top National Championship in Perth.

The U17 side which played in Darwin earlier this year contained seven girls from within the Gladesville Association.

The senior representative side burst into prominence in 1982, when they took out the inaugural South Pacific Cup played in New Caledonia.

They followed up this year by defeating all contenders in the NSW championships.

They defeated the Forest side from Manly in the final of the New Caledonian Cup last October, and the team are currently defending their title in Noumea.

The final for the tournament will be played in the New Caledonian premier Soccer stadium, the Majenta, which has to be seen to be believed.



□ DIMINUTIVE Collette Fitzpatrick shows her agility to head the ball clear from a group of Gladesville-Hornsby team-mates against Sutherland.



□ QUEENSLIFFE's Sandra MacKellar (No 9) on the attack.

NEW TEAM SHINES IN DEBUT YEAR

It is a well-known fact that, in the women's Soccer world, it is quite common for girls to change their teams and clubs as often as they change their frocks.

This year was no exception in the Manly-Warringah district of Sydney, when a new club came into existence.

The Queenscliffe Women's Soccer Club was the product of dissatisfaction with other teams in the district.

The club could really be called the "Soccer Cinderellas" for they were the cast-offs, the players who did not fit into the system. I asked manager Terry Broughton how he had formed the club.

"I was asked to get the club going because, at the time, I had no connection with a club. The girls wanted me to help because I was familiar with the women's Soccer arrangements," Broughton said.

"Actually, the first girl to approach me was terribly upset. She had become somewhat of an extra in her club and she did not feel that she was getting anywhere.

"Ironically, after Queenscliffe got underway, she changed her mind and moved to another district to play," said the manager.



□ QUEENSLIFFE team line up, with manageress Carol Broughton and coach Julian Pisch on the left and team manager Terry Broughton on the right.

Former assistant State coach, Julian Pisch, watched the girls for one game before offering his services, which were eagerly snapped up.

Michaela Hannigan, or "Macka" as she is inevitably known in the team, said that although the age-grouping ranged from 14 to

DON BALMAIN'S

WOMEN'S SOCCER

24, most of the girls in the side joined for the joy of playing and having fun.

"Of course the girls in the side were interested in furthering their Soccer as much as possible," said Macka. "But there was no pressure on us like there would have been if we had played Metropolitan League."

One of the reasons the side did so well was that, of the 15 players in the team, 14 were members of the Manly-Warringah representative side as well.

They were so keen that after they had trained together as a club side early in the evening, they then grouped together as a rep side for a further hour's work.

One of the rear-line players in the side, Leanne Whybrow, showed dedica-

tion that would take some beating.

Each Friday afternoon after finishing work, she drove to Sydney from Orange in the State's central west to play with the Manly rep side on Friday night, followed by State training on a Saturday afternoon and her club match on Sunday afternoon before driving the 100km home again.

The girls in the side moulded into a very smooth-running outfit and, at the end of the season, became runner-up to Beacon Hill for the major premiership.

In the battle for the minor premiership, again against Beacon Hill, the Queenscliffe side took the title, winning 3-2 after a tough match.



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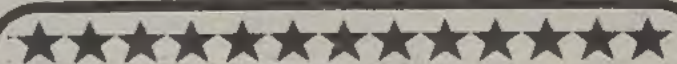
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BARCELONA BIDS FOR DEFENDER

BARCELONA, pleased with the early form of Scotsman Steve Archibald, are planning another raid on the UK transfer market.

This time, it's a top defender coach Terry Venables will try to lure to Spain.

Venables has already tried to buy Terry Fenwick from QPR but met with a firm refusal.

Now we hear Barcelona will make a big bid for Mark Wright of Southampton, who is seeking a new club.

DIETER DROPS OUT

DIETER HOENESS has taken over as Bayern Munich's glamour star now that Karl Heinz Rummenigge has gone to Inter Milan.

Unfortunately for Bayern, Hoeness had to miss the start of the new season. He has torn ligaments in the knee and will not be ready to play for two months.

WHEN Northern Ireland beat Romania in the World Cup elimination match in Belfast, there was plenty for the Irish to celebrate.

Apart from the two important points, there were also celebrations to mark the opening of the new grandstand at Windsor Park.

The stand at Linfield's home ground cost \$3,200,000.

FANS KILL BIG MATCH

ITALY'S Juventus against England's Liverpool — that is the European Super Cup match planned for Monte Carlo in December.

Alas, the meeting of the Cup Winners Cup victors and the European Cup holders will not take place.

Football officials in Monte Carlo have decided they don't want any ugly, unruly, British fans causing trouble in their little spot of paradise.

Monaco contacted Belgium and Luxemburg for reports on riots caused when England played in those countries.

The evidence was so damning, Monaco said: "We don't want Liverpool

ITALY'S 1984 RECRUITS DON'T OUTSHINE LIAM

WHILE the Italian spotlight is on recent foreign signings, including Socrates, Souness, and Hateley, one "old boy" who has had a few years to get used to Italian football could outshine the lot.

Liam Brady, the Irish international midfielder, revealed



RAY WILKINS

outstanding form for Inter Milan in early season matches.

Ray Wilkins, now with A.C. Milan, said: "It will be hard for anyone to play as well as Brady this season because his form compares with that of any foreign player in Italy. This puts him in distinguished company — Maradona, Socrates, Rummenigge, Zico and the rest. None has looked more impressive than Liam Brady."

With Rummenigge and Brady with Inter and Wilkins and Hateley with A.C. Milan, there will be great rivalry between the two

clubs in the Italian city this season ... and comparisons will be made every weekend.

After Joe Jordan and Luther Blissett failed to click with A.C. Milan, Wilkins and Hateley are sure to be on trial with the fans.

But after the team's first match, coach Nils Liedholm passed judgment: "Wilkins and Hateley satisfied me 100 per cent."

TURKEY have appointed West German Horst Heese as national team coach for World Cup elimination games.



KIWI SQUAD IS NOT SO HOT

NEW ZEALAND's 18-man squad to tour Europe contains several old faces familiar to Australian spectators.

Names like Richard Wilson, Clint Gosling, Steve Sumner, Steve Wooddin, Ricki Herbert, Allan Boath and Grant Turner are well known here, in fact all have played in Australia's National League.

While the Kiwis are confident they can again snuff out Australia's World Cup challenge, as they did the last time around, the squad hardly looks good enough to cause the Socceroos undue problems.

Indeed it is fair to say not one of the selected Kiwis would be sure of a place in Australia's World Cup squad.

These are the New Zealanders selected by coach Alan Jones:—

Richard Wilson, Clint Gosling, Keith Garland, Martin Felton, Ricki Herbert, Sean Byrne, Malcolm Dunford, John Leijh, Keith MacKay, Bill Harris, Bill McClure, Allan Boath, Steve Sumner, Grant Turner, Peter Simenson, Kevin Birch, Steve Wood-



RICHARD WILSON (centre) punches clear for Preston.

din, Colin Walker.

The SOCCER EXPRESS, published in Auckland.

land, points out that some players who might have been picked were unavailable for the tour.

The European tour is NZ's toughest assignment since the World Cup in Spain.

SPURS TOPS BUT LOSE

REAL MADRID staged a testimonial match for their former defender, Alfonso Benite.

Real invited England's Tottenham Hotspur to be their opponents and, although the Spanish side won 1-0, the match was dominated by Spurs.

The disgruntled spec-

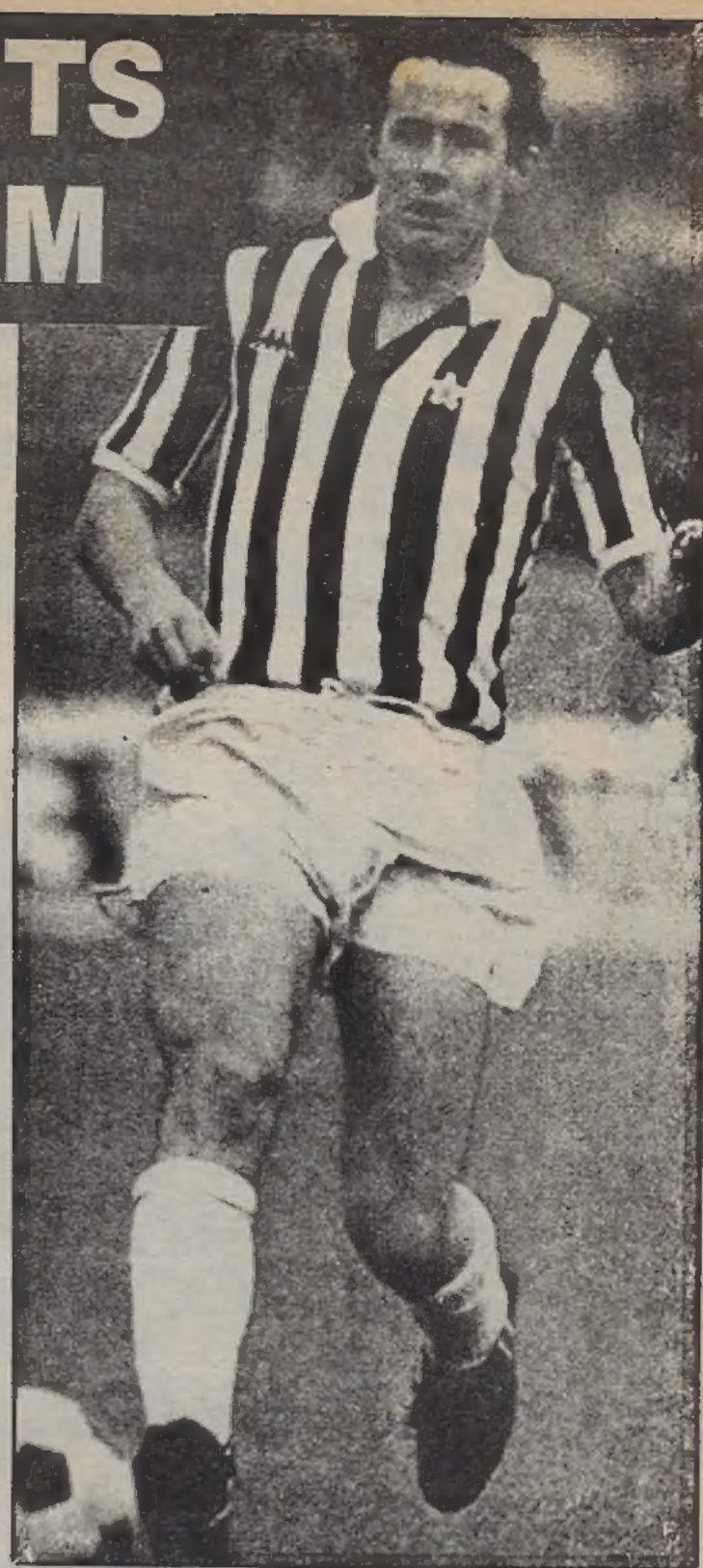
tators shouted to the Real players "stay on strike," and "bring on the juniors!" But at least the match served its purpose — there were 35,000 paying spectators there to help Benite's testimonial fund.

CHIEDOZIE'S KNOCK-BACK

NIGERIA's World Cup ambitions were jolted when Spurs refused to release star winger John Chiedozie for Cup elimination games against Liberia.

If the Nigerian matches had been friendly fixtures, the Spurs attitude would have made sense but it

seems very harsh when the London club will not allow Chiedozie to play in the World Cup.



OVERSEAS RESULTS

SPAIN

Hercules v Betis	2-2
Barcelona v Osasuna	2-0
Sporting v Espanol	1-0
Bilbao v Re Madrid	0-0
Sevilla v Zaragoza	2-1
Racing v Malaga	2-0
At Madrid v Murcia	2-1
Valladolid v Elche	1-2
Valencia v Sociedad	2-0

	W	D	L	A	Pts
Barcelona	5	0	0	12	10
Sevilla	4	1	0	7	9
Valencia	4	0	1	11	8
At Madrid	3	1	0	7	7
Betis	2	2	1	5	6

SWITZERLAND

Aarau v Wetztingen	1-0
Basle v Zurich	1-1
La C De F v Sion	4-0
Grasshopper v St Gallen	2-0
Lausanne v Servette	0-2
Lucerne v Zug	1-0
Winterthur v Vevey	0-2
Young Boys v Neuchatel	3-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Servette	5	3	0	19	4	13
Aarau	5	3	0	23	12	13
Grasshopper	5	2	1	15	6	12
Lucerne	4	2	2	8	10	10
Neuchatel	3	3	2	20	14	9
Young Boys	4	1	3	11	10	9

HUNGARY

S'ebathely v Csepel	1-0
Szeged v Debrecen	1-1
B'csaba v Eger	2-1
F'varos v Videoton	0-1
Gyor RETO v U'pest	0-3
Tatabanya v Vasas	4-1
MTK-VM v Pecs	3-1
Honved v Z'szeg	3-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honved	5	0	1	9	3	10
Videoton	4	1	1	12	6	9
Tatabanya	3	2	1	12	5	8
Csepel	4	0	2	8	4	8

AUSTRIA

Klagenfurt v Eisenstadt	1-1
Vo Linz v Wien SC	1-1
Salzburg v St Graz	3-0
Vienna v Spittal	4-0
Gak v Aus Vienna	0-3
Donawitz v Ad Wacker	2-4
Rapid v Lask	7-1
Fav AC v Innsbruck	2-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	6	1	0	24	5	13
Aus Vienna	6	0	1	23	6	12
Innsbruck	4	2	1	14	8	10
Wien SC	3	3	2	11	13	9

POLAND

Ruch Chor v M Lublin	1-0
Lks Lodz v Ba Gdynia	3-0
L Gdansk v Leg Warsaw	0-2
L Poznan v Go Zabrze	1-0
P S'zecin v Sl Wroclaw	1-4
Z S'nowiec v Gornik W'rzycz	0-0
Rad Radow v Wid Lodz	1-0
W Krakow v Katowice	2-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leg Warsaw	6	3	1	16	7	15
Wid Lodz	4	5	1	9	4	13
Gor Zab	5	3	2	8	3	13
L Poznan	3	7	0	10	6	13
Rad Radow	4	3	3	11	9	11
Zag S'wiec	3	5	2	12	11	11

W. GERMANY

Bremen v Ein F'urt	3-3
Bielefeld v Schalke	2-1
Brunswick v Hamburg	3-1
Cologne v Stuttgart	1-1
Bayern v Mannheim	1-2
K'lautern v M'gladbach	2-0
Karlsruhe v Bochum	1-1
Uerdingen v Duesseldorf	5-2
Dortmund v Leverkusen	2-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	6	0	1	17	7	12
K'lautern	3	3	1	13	9	9
Mannheim	3	3	1	9	7	9
Uerdingen	4	0	3	17	12	8
Bremen	3	2	2	18	14	8
M'gladbach	3	2	2	16	15	8
Ein F'urt	2	4	1	14	14	8
Hamburg	2	4	1	9	9	8

GREECE

Doxa v P'naikos	1-1
Egaleo v Larisa	2-2
Iraklis v K'maras	4-0
Panachaiki v Aek	1-1
Ap Athens v P'nios	0-3
Aris v Ofi	2-4
Ethnikos v Paok	1-2
O'piakos v Pierikos	3-1

FRANCE

Sochaux v Nantes	0-1
Strasbourg v Nancy	2-1
Tours v Bastia	2-0
Laval v Toulouse	3-3
Lens v Brest	1-1
Racing v Lille	2-2
Rouen v Toulon	1-0
Auxerre v Bordeaux	1-1
Metz v Paris-SG	2-1
Marseille v Monaco	3-0

ITALY

Ascoli v Lazio	0-0
Cremonese v Avellino	0-0
F'ina v Atalanta	5-0
Inter v Verona	0-0
Juventus v AC Milan	1-1
Napoli v Como	3-0
Roma v S'dona	1-1
Udinese v Torino	0-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	8	3	0	19	7	19
Nantes	8	1	2	21	9	17
Auxerre	5	4	2	16	9	14
Metz	6	1	4	14	13	13
Nancy	5	2	4	16	13	12
Laval	4	4	3	13	13	12
Bastia	5	2	4	11	12	12

PAUL FINDS PEACE ON THE FARM

PAUL MARINER has been playing some of the best football of his career with Arsenal this and he believes his lifestyle as a gentleman farmer is a big help.



□ MARINER on his farm: (top) on the tractor and (left) working in the field.

Mariner bought a 10-acre farm at Lavenham in Suffolk for \$200,000 as well as a house in North London.

His wife, Ali, breeds chickens and sells them to local restaurants in Suffolk.

"I love the country life," said Mariner. "It is peaceful and away from it all. There are no pressures."

The Mariners head for the farm immediately after Arsenal's matches and return to London during the week.

THE DOC SAYS 'I CAN'T PAY'

TOMMY DOCHERTY has signed Jim Melrose for Wolves from Glasgow Celtic on a month's loan but, if the player does well, Docherty knows he hasn't enough money to buy him.

Celtic want \$100,000 for Melrose. And even though The Doc brought in \$150,000 after selling Wayne Clarke and Tony Towner, he admits: "I can't afford Melrose."

Since taking over as Wolves boss, Docherty has not spent money on any players — all his recruits being on free transfers.

"I knew the situation when I took charge so

there is no point in my crying now," said Docherty.

But he is still hoping he can arrange a friendly deal with Celtic over Melrose.

ARSENAL'S DAVIS IS ANNOYED

YOUNG midfielder Paul Davis was a very angry man when Arsenal dropped him from the team in favour of club captain Graham Rix.

Rix missed the first few matches of the season with ankle injuries, during which time Arsenal shot to top place in the first division.

Manager Don Howe admitted it was a tough decision to make when he dropped Davis. "Paul Davis has done a good job but he can play better. If I had been completely satisfied, I would not have changed the team," said Howe.

Davis asked: "Why did it have to be me? I am very disappointed and a bit angry."

Only a few weeks earlier, manager Howe had warned Rix that he'd have to lift his game if he wanted a first team spot.

BIG MAL STILL A TALKER

MALCOLM ALLISON is keen to get back into football, despite being fired from his last job as manager of Middlesbrough.

"It was important that I stuck by my principles — I could walk out with my head high."

Allison believes Soccer is facing the crunch of "entertain or die."

"The game isn't equipped for the 21st century," he said. "They should abolish the pass back to the goalkeeper, bring in the 35 yard offside rule and decide all drawn matches by shoot-out."

That sounds like Soccer in the North American style... but the sport is in deep trouble in the USA.

"Soccer needs people like me to keep it alive — and I need it," said Allison.

At 57, he admits he has made mistakes but he has never lost faith in his own ability.

He said: "There are 92 managers in football who are rated better than me because they have the jobs and I'm out of work. But there are only about four who are my equal — none of them is better. I was

kicked out by Middlesbrough because I wouldn't break promises to supporters that I would not sell their best players."

WINTER STRIKE

IT'S not winter in England yet but already some clubs have been hit by winter chills causing players to be confined to bed.

Brentford had to cancel their match against Newport County because they had only six fit players.

Five players had flu, another had tonsillitis and other problems including a broken leg, two hamstring victims, an ankle sprain and a pelvic injury.



□ JIM MELROSE: on loan from Celtic.

CROCKS ARE RETURNING

GREAT news for West Ham United — English international midfielder Alan Devonshire started training again last week after nine months on the injured list.

Hammers boss Ron Lyall said: "It will do Alan the world of good to become involved with the other players again."

Goalkeeper Phil Parkes and forward Dave Swindlehurst have also recovered from knee operations and have been allowed to train again.



DANNY GREAVES, son of the great Jimmy Greaves, has signed for Cambridge after playing for Southend United.

UK soccer results, tables

ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE								DIVISION FOUR									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts										
Arsenal	9	6	1	2	18	10	19	Hereford	9	7	1	1	15	3	22		
Notts Forest	9	5	2	2	18	10	17	Bury	9	6	2	1	17	8	20		
Tottenham	9	5	1	3	17	10	16	Chesterfield	9	6	2	1	16	8	20		
Sheffield Wed	9	4	3	2	17	13	15	Peterborough	9	5	2	1	11	4	17		
West Ham	9	4	3	2	12	11	15	Colchester	9	4	3	1	17	12	15		
Man Utd	9	3	5	1	14	8	14	Tranmere	9	5	0	4	15	11	15		
Newcastle	9	4	2	3	19	19	14	Blackpool	9	4	3	2	13	9	15		
Everton	9	4	2	3	16	17	14	Darlington	9	3	5	1	13	8	14		
Chelsea	9	3	4	2	11	7	13	Hartlepool	9	4	2	3	12	13	14		
Aston Villa	9	4	1	4	14	18	13	Stockport	9	3	4	2	13	11	13		
Liverpool	9	2	5	2	12	12	11	Port Vale	9	3	3	3	10	10	10		
Ipswich	9	2	5	2	11	11	11	Chester	9	3	3	3	12	13	12		
Sunderland	9	2	5	2	11	11	11	Crew	9	4	0	5	12	15	12		
QPR	9	2	4	3	16	17	10	Swindon	9	2	4	4	11	12	11		
Southampton	9	2	4	3	11	13	10	Southend	9	2	4	4	10	13	10		
Norwich	9	2	4	3	11	14	10	Torquay	9	2	4	3	10	13	10		
WBA	9	2	3	4	13	13	9	Mansfield	9	2	3	4	7	9	9		
Leicester	9	2	3	4	12	18	9	Scunthorpe	9	2	2	5	16	17	8		
Luton	9	2	3	4	11	17	9	Exeter	9	2	2	5	18	10	8		
Coventry	9	2	2	5	6	11	8	Aldershot	9	2	2	5	10	14	7		
Stoke	8	1	4	3	8	15	7	Wrexham	8	2	1	5	13	17	4		
Watford	9	0	4	5	15	21	4	Rochdale	9	1	3	5	6	14	6		
								Halifax	8	2	0	6	3	14	6		
								Northampton	9	1	1	7	5	19	4		

DIVISION TWO											SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts														
Birmingham	9	7	0	2	13	5	21	Aberdeen	9	7	1	1	21	5	15						
Portsmouth	9	6	3	0	13	5	21	Celtic	9	5	4	0	15	6	14						
Blackburn	9	6	2	1	21	8	20	Rangers	9	5	3	1	9	2	13						
Oxford	9	6	1	2	19	7	19	St Mirren	9	5	1	3	11	7	11						
Brighton	9	6	0	3	14	7	18	Dundee Utd	9	4	1	4	12	10	9						
Man City	9	5	2	2	14	8	17	Dundee	9	3	1	5	14	15	9						
Leeds	9	5	1	3	18	10	16	Hearts	9	3	0	6	6	14	6						
Shrewsbury	9	5	0	4	20	15	15	Dumbarton	9	2	1	6	8	13	5						
Grimsby	9	4	2	3	17	12	15	Hibernian	9	2	1	6	9	16	5						
Charlton	9	4	1	4	16	10	14	Morton	9	2	1	6	6	23	5						
Wimbledon	9	4	1	4	16	17	13														
Fulham	9	4	0	5	13	16	12														
Barnsley	9	3	2	4	11	7	11														
Sheff Utd	9	3	1	5	15	18	10														
Oldham	9	3	1	5	15	18	10														
Wolves	9	2	2	5	12	19	8														
Carlisle	9	2	2	5	6	18	8														
Crystal Palace	9	2	1	6	8	12	7														
Derby County	9	2	1	6	11	20	7														
Huddersfield	9	1	3	6	7	15	6														
Notts County	9	2	0	7	10	23	6														
Cardiff	9	1	0	8	9	22	3														

DIVISION THREE											DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts														
Jristol Roy	9	7	1	1	12	3	22	Airdrieonians	9	7	0	2	16	6	14						
York	9	6	2	1	16	9	20	Cydebank	9	5	2	2	17	8	12						
Millwall	9	6	1	2	19	10	19	Motherwell	9	5	1	3	13	9	11						
Gillingham	9	6	1	2	17	12	17	Avr	9	3	5	1	11	7	11						
Doncaster	9	5	2	2	17	12	17	Forfar	9	3	0	4	17	10	10						
Bradford	9	5	1	3	9	8	16	Brechin	9	3	2	3	13	11	10						
Brentford	8	4	2	2	10	5	14	Hamilton	9	4	2	3	12	10	10						
Rotherham	8	4	2	2	11	8	14	East Fife	9	2	5	2	19	19	9						
Sheff City	8	4	2	2	13	12	14	Falkirk	9	4	1	4	14	16	9						
Hull	8	4	2	2	13	12	14	Clyde	9	2	3	4	11	11	8						
Walsall	9	3	3	3	14	14	12	Partick	9	2	3	4	11	14	7						
Preston	9	3	0	6	13	19	12	Meadowbank	9	1	4	4	13	17	6						
Burnley	9	2	5	2	11	10	11	St Johnstone	9	2	1	6	12	22	5						
Derby County	9	1	5	3	16	21	7	Kilmarnock	9	1	2	6	5	24	4						
Reading	9	1	4	4	16	21	7														
Swansea	9	1	1	7	11	16	10														
Wigan	9	1	1	7	6	12	10														
Bournemouth	9	1	0	8	8	11	9														
Plymouth	9	1	0	8	16	21	7														
Bolton	8	2	1	5	15	17	8														
Newport	8	1	4	3	6	10	7														
Lincoln	8	1	3	6	9	10	6														
Cambridge	8	1	0	7	6	17	3														

ROBSON HAPPY

ENGLAND did not perform like possible world champions in their close 1-0 win at Wembley over East Germany but team boss Bobby Robson was happy with the result.

"I got what I wanted — a performance of distinct promise," said Robson.

The top two English players were Watford winger John Barnes and Italian exile Ray Wilkins.

Twin strikers Paul Mariner and Tony Woodcock played well but their finishing was poor. The Arsenal pair were replaced 10 minutes from the end by two more exports to Italy,

Mark Hateley and Trevor Francis.

Biggest disappointment of all was the dreadfully small attendance of 23,951 which was almost the smal-